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Russia Is Building Big Fleet

Unofficial Survey's Disclosure

London, Nov. 29.

An unofficial British survey of the world's armed forces this month said Russia is rapidly building up a strong navy based on ideas other nations fear to be outmoded.

The survey, "Brassey's 1950 Annual," said other navies generally are awaiting a satisfactory answer to the destructive potential of the atom bomb, the guided missile and the fast submarine.

The Annual, which has been published here for 64 years, said Russia has completed two 35,000-ton battleships this year and has more under construction. It said the battle-wagons mount nine 16-inch guns and can make 29 knots.

The survey said that Soviet Union also has commissioned one or two aircraft carriers this year. It gave Russia's present submarine strength as 360 and said she plans to expand her underwater fleet to 1,000 by the end of 1951.

UNREALITY

"There is an impression of unreality about this Russian naval expansion, if only because it seems to be based on a faulty conception of modern naval requirements," Brassey's said.

Similar reports of Russia's big naval building programme have been printed in the authoritative "Jane's Fighting Ships" and in Swedish newspapers.

Although the Russians have not given out any details, they have boasted they are building a fleet to rival those of the United States and Britain.

Brassey's also estimated the Russians had 3,000,000 men under arms and would have trained manpower reserves of 12,000,000 to 13,000,000 by 1954.

It credited the Russians with a first line air force of 18,000 military planes and annual production of 12,000, "thanks mainly to the help of German technicians and the capture of German material."—Associated Press.

Flood-Prevention Programme

Singapore, Nov. 29.

A 10-year programme to prevent flooding in Singapore is being studied by city engineers. Streets are frequently flooded during heavy rains because of a shortage of water run-off systems. — Associated Press.

Manila Gun Battle

Manila, Nov. 30.

A Manila policeman was wounded and an escaped convict killed in a gun battle on a residential street.

Storekeepers hurriedly closed their shops and residents closed windows and doors as the shooting began.

Police said five outlaws began the shooting when two patrolmen asked them if they were carrying any firearms. — Associated Press.

Japan Association Mooted

LONDON MEETING

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Nov. 29.

A Japan Association is to be formed in London tomorrow to promote the "interests of those engaged in trade between the United Kingdom and Japan."

An inaugural meeting will be held in the London office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Formation of the new association coincides with the signing in Tokyo of a new trade pact between Japan and the Sterling area.

Mr J.S. Scott is expected to be elected chairman. He is a partner in the firm of John Swire and Sons, Ltd., London agents for Butterfield and Swire.

The office of President will probably go to Sir Edward Crowe, KOMG, former Commercial Counsellor to the British Embassy in Tokyo who now has interests in several British industrial organisations.

The new Japan Association will share the office of the China Association.

SEARCH FOR FLYING DENTIST

Hamilton Field, Calif., Nov. 30.

Planes from Hamilton Field today continued the search for Dr Cecil Smith, Burlingame's "flying dentist," who has been missing since Saturday on a flight from Redding to San Mateo.—United Press.

UN ARMY FIGHTING FOR ITS LIFE

Supply Line Endangered

River Bridgehead May Be Given Up

Seoul, Nov. 29.

The mauled United Nations army today (Thursday) fought for its life in northwest Korea against 200,000 tank-supported Chinese Reds battling to trap it against the Yellow Sea.

Two US Divisions escaped east across the Chongchon River from exposed positions. But they still faced the menacing sweep of Red columns 30 miles southeast of the main river crossing. Bounding down from the northeast through a gap they ripped in the Allied centre, they were nearing Sinchang. This is only 30 miles northeast of Pyongyang, former North Korean capital.

The Chinese there were only 12 miles east of one of two main supply lines between Pyongyang and the blazing front. The second and major supply route is 18 miles farther west.

United Nations troops in the centre and along the Chongchon fought in near zero weather against wave on wave of Chinese, who came on heedless of heavy losses.

The frontline situation was mindful of the bitter holding battles the Allies fought against outnumbering North Korean forces in the early days of the war in South Korea. Field commanders considered the situation crucial.

The Red counter-offensive had rolled the US Eighth Army right flank back about 20 miles since it began before dawn last Sunday.

It was apparent the Reds were trying to sweep around the UN forces' right end, cut across their rear and saw them in a pocket with their backs to the West coast of Korea.

Lieutenant-General Walton H. Walker, US Eighth Army Commander returning from an urgent military conference with General Douglas MacArthur in Tokyo, said the offensive launched by the 110,000 man Allied army last Friday "probably saved our forces from a trap which might well have destroyed them."

He said the Chinese Communist force of 200,000 men would have soon doubled if the Allies had not struck when it did.

ORDERLY RETREAT

Loses were heavy on both sides as the fateful battle raged. The US retreat was in good order, field dispatches said, but some South Korean units were broken up badly.

It was the collapse of the South Korean sector on the Extreme eastern end of the northwest front that put the Allied position in peril.

A front dispatch said the Allies might soon give up the Chongchon River bridgehead from which they launched a general offensive last Friday in an attempt to end the war quickly.

The Chinese Reds surging in waves down the centre of North Korea blocked that drive for the Manchurian border, some 50 to 70 miles away.

Allied military authorities held hope that the UN could salvage enough men and material to throw up a winter defensive line south of the Chongchon but still in North Korea.

The US 25th and Second Divisions pulled back southward across the icy Chongchon yesterday under heavy Red pressure. Elements of the US 24th Division and the South Korean First Division still were reported west of the River.

Kunu became the new right end of the Allied line in the northwest. It is 46 air miles North of Pyongyang, and about 70 miles South of the Manchurian border, the objective of the blocked Allied end the war drive. Kunu itself was "gravely threatened" by Reds attacking from three sides. Thousands of Chinese cavalrymen were reported northeast of Kunu.

UNIT IMPERILLED

The Reds began attacking a South Korean unit east of Kunu yesterday afternoon, evidently the signal for a massive tight assault.

A field dispatch said one unidentified American unit was northeast of Kunu. It will be cut off unless the South Korean line holds east of the city.

A spokesman at Eighth Army advance headquarters was the authority for the report that one column of Reds had slashed to within 30 miles of Pyongyang.

He said at least three other Red columns were rolling from the North through the hole carved by the first Red onslaughts against the Allied right flank.

So all six Chinese Communist armies have been identified in North Korea. One was reported to have arrived from Central China only a week ago.

On the western end of the northwest front, the US 24th Division took up holding positions in the Taechon area, seven miles north of the Chongchon River. The Division in last week's offensive was driven beyond Chongchon 15 miles west of Pakchon.—United Press.

Army Split In Two

BRITISH BRIGADE MOVING UP

From John Shaw

Tokyo, Nov. 30.

All along the Western front in Korea last night United Nations forces were making a fighting retreat against the steam-roller advance of the out-of-the-blue Chinese Red Army.

In three days 200,000 Reds appeared from nowhere two days after General MacArthur's men began their Home for Christmas offensive and have gained upwards of 30 miles.

They have split the United Nations forces in two. There is no longer a link between the 8th Army in the west and the 10th Corps in the east.

The Reds are streaming southwards through mountain passes, south of Pukchang and threaten to sweep towards Pyongyang and the west coast.

If they succeed four American divisions, two British brigades and a Turkish brigade will be enveloped in a Tobruk-like pocket.

Most of the American 24th and the 25th Divisions and the ROK First Division have already pulled back over the Chungchon River. The Chinese are expected to attempt a night crossing in pursuit.

BITTER ENCOUNTER

The Turkish Brigade are trying to regroup after being surrounded overnight southwest of Pukchang. They held fire until the Communists attacked then broke way out in a bitter bayonet-point fight. They killed 200.

Two-thirds of the Turks escaped the trap but left behind at least 200 wounded, protected by the remainder who are still fighting it out.

The British 27th Brigade, previously in reserve, has gone forward to secure a vital communication link at an unnamed point. The British 20th Brigade, waiting in Pyongyang area and who have had only a small skirmish since their arrival in Korea, are moving up to try and check the advance of the Red column spear-heading the gravest threat of encirclement.

The Communist pressure is not so serious in the eastern sector but infiltrators are reported to have surrounded some marine companies in the Chosan reservoir area.

Generals Walker and Almond flew back to the front today after an overnight war council with General MacArthur in Tokyo.

It may well be that the whole United Nations' forces will have to try and reform on the line across the narrowest neck of the peninsula to the north of Pyongyang.—London Express Service.

STOP PRESS

Front 'No Longer Exists'

Tokyo, Nov. 30.

The United States Second Infantry and First Cavalry Divisions battled hordes of Chinese Communists with bayonets and hand grenades and battlefield dispatches today said the "front" no longer existed.

The Communists, attacking unceasingly with a nightmarish disregard for human life, drove most of the United Nations armies southward in full retreat toward threatened Pyongyang. Some Communist units were reported operating 10 miles from the former North Korean capital.

The Second Division doughboys were fighting to rescue a trapped Turkish brigade in the mountainous Kaechon-Wawon area of the northeast front, where they had been holding a pass against the advancing enemy. The Turkish troops, after two days under constant attack, were using fists, rocks and anything they could against the Chinese.—United Press.

GENERAL MACARTHUR

Angry European Press Outbursts Against MacArthur

Paris, Nov. 29

Angry outbursts against General Douglas MacArthur tonight marked the reaction in war-weary Western Europe to Korean setbacks. There was talk in official French circles of informally suggesting his replacement as UN Supreme Commander.

Many newspapers and anonymous political critics protested General MacArthur acted too hastily in launching his "end the war" drive last Friday. They said he should have waited until British and French suggestions for a buffer state on the Korean Manchurian border had been worked out.

One informed source here declared that General MacArthur's decision to launch the offensive was against the advice of both the French and British diplomatic missions in Tokyo.

Although some British newspapers—both leftist and Conservative — attacked General MacArthur, the UN Commander was defended by the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, in the House of Commons. He said:

"It has been necessary to leave control of operations very much in the hands of the United Nations Commander, provided always that where his plans might involve questions of general policy there must be proper consultation on such matters. I assure the House that this is, in fact, what has happened."

A French spokesman said his government felt Gen. MacArthur had launched his offensive in order to wreck negotiations by France and Britain for a settlement of the frontier issue with the Chinese Communists. The Chinese Communists' counter offensive followed.

FRENCH CRITICAL

It was reported here Gen. MacArthur ignored the advice of the British and French diplomats with a statement that, once the UN forces were on the Yalu River, separating Manchuria and Korea, the Chinese would negotiate peacefully.

A highly placed spokesman said, "The French have been critical of Gen. MacArthur's tendencies to mix military and political affairs for some months. The events of the last few days only serve to make the criticism more pointed."

He added, however, that there would be not direct diplomatic approach either to the US or to the UN on the matter.

"This must be decided by the US, which is bearing the main brunt of the campaign in Korea," he said.

The spokesman hinted that both the British and French governments might demand that Gen. MacArthur be replaced as UN commander by either Lieutenant-General Walton H. Walker, Commander of the US Eighth Army, or by Major-General Edward M. Almond, Commander of the 10th Corps.

Meanwhile, Press criticism of Gen. MacArthur increased, although in some newspapers there was support for the hard pressed commander.

In Britain, the Liberal Independent Manchester Guardian said:

"General MacArthur's offensive to end the war at one blow was a mistake which has brought disaster."

In Dublin, Ireland, the Catholic Irish Times declared Gen. MacArthur should be removed. It described him as "an old man who evidently sees himself in the role of a modern Napoleon."

Stockholm's Socialist Aftontidningen said: "General MacArthur's surprise attack, ordered at a time generally regarded as the most unfavourable from a political point of view, has caused unrest, anxiety and criticism all over Europe, and even the Americans are uncertain as to how they are going to judge the initiative taken by the General."

Copenhagen's Conservative Nationaltidende stood almost alone in absolving Gen. MacArthur from blame. It said:

"In certain Western circles, Gen. MacArthur has always been blamed for disastrous developments. Events, however, do not justify this criticism."

The West German Hamburger Abendblat suggested Gen. MacArthur had assumed a "colossal

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Deal To Avert World War Possible

London, Nov. 29.

Britain held out to Communist China today the possibility of a political deal in Korea to avert a third world war.

In a broad statement of British foreign policy, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, also told the House of Commons that Britain is ready to join with the United States and France in any talks with Soviet Russia which might ease the existing tension between East and West.

The first essential in Korea, Mr Bevin said, "is to stabilise the military situation and then to explore a political settlement.

"I have been working on this for some weeks and the military development in the last few days has not altered my opinion one bit—it is on political lines in the end that we must seek the solution," he said.

SOLUTION AVAILABLE

If the Communist Chinese "want to avoid a general war, if they show the slightest sign of willingness to co-operate in exploring a solution by peaceful means, I am satisfied that solutions can be found," he said.

Mr Bevin, opening a two-day debate on foreign affairs, said he did not pretend to know the Chinese motives or intentions in Korea, and asked:

"Is this move into Korea part of the grand strategy for a bigger purpose?" Is there a Russian-Chinese conspiracy on a world-wide scale?"

He asserted he did not wish at this stage to go into details of any possible political solutions.

"I am glad to tell the House that I have been in touch with the United States government in the last 24 hours and the United States government has reaffirmed to us its purpose in Korea remains the same as our own, namely to resist aggression, to localise the hostilities and to settle the Korean problem on a basis satisfactory to the United Nations."

Britain has favoured the admission of Communist China to the UN as a replacement for Nationalist China. She has repeatedly plugged for a buffer area in North Korea to allay Chinese fears of a UN invasion of Chinese territory.

Referring to China's seat in the UN, Mr Bevin said "indeed, I believe that some of the difficulties with which we are now faced in the Far East would have been avoided if there had been these opportunities for mutual discussion of problems which the membership of international bodies affords."

BIG FOUR TALKS

Mr Bevin said Britain is "ready to take part in any properly prepared four-power meeting which offers a genuine prospect of putting an end to the existing state of tension and bringing about lasting

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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Sombre Situation

THE sombre news of the retreat of UN forces in Korea, together with the truculent attitude adopted by the Peking delegation at the Security Council meeting yesterday brings into sharp focus the dangerous and delicate international situation of the moment. It is almost impossible to escape the conclusion that the peace of the world is more seriously endangered today than at any time since the end of the World War II, and, as Mr Bevin told the House of Commons, it calls for the greatest care and responsibility by everyone. There is a somewhat natural tendency to blame General MacArthur for the gravely deteriorated military situation in North Korea on the grounds that in mounting an offensive at this time with virtually all the troops he has at his disposal he was taking an unjustified gamble. MacArthur replies that he launched the attack for the purpose of upsetting a carefully prepared Chinese Communist time-table, and that in this respect his action has succeeded. It is too early yet to pass judgment, but what has been established is that Red China intends to pursue quite deliberately and ruthlessly its military intervention in Korea and that Peking has no respect for the authority of the United Nations. Moreover there is some vindication of General MacArthur's claim that the Chinese forces had prepared a time-table for a massive assault in Korea from Manchuria by the fact that Peking has been able to throw in at a moment's notice, something like 200,000 fighting troops. Only careful preparation long beforehand could have made this physically possible. But serious though the military situation be in Korea, even more disconcerting is the pose struck by the Peking delegation at Lake Success. It has been observed that the delegates have failed to indicate the slightest sign of reconciliation. On the contrary General Wu Hsiu-chuan, their chief spokesman, spent his time yesterday at the Security Council uttering 10,000 words of calculated abuse and accusations directed against the United States. The inescapable impression left was that General Wu has no intention of trying to reach an amicable settlement with the United Nations over Korea and the Manchurian borders. He gave no hint that he was even interested in any such proposition. This is dangerous as well as unfortunate, for if the Peking government will neither recall its "volunteer" forces from Korea, nor discuss the question of the future security of the Korean-Manchurian frontiers, the United Nations, as a recognised international authority, may be forced to consider a line of action that will have serious consequences for China. The Peking government appears to be intent on committing itself to a test of strength with the United Nations—a policy which invites disaster. Opportunity in abundance still exists for a change of heart on the part of Communist China and a sensible, realistic approach to an admittedly intricate problem. The Peking regime will be doing China the greatest possible disservice in trying to make Korea a proving ground for an international conflict of world-wide proportions for in the event of another world war China would suffer a heavy sufferer.

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PHILIPPINE AIR LINES

Tavern Trotters Show Off Some Freaks

For the past 21 years the Tavern Trotters' Club has held its meetings in various public houses in the City of London. Mr Maxwell, the current President, brought along his collection of weird and antique Tavern drinking vessels to the Red Lion last week, and he is shown here taking a swig from "Ally Sloper's Half Holiday" jug, watched by Mr Shepheard, who is holding a one-and-a-half gallon size Dickens Loving Cup.—London Express Service.

Hour Of Decision For Peking

BRAZEN AGGRESSION BY CHINESE REDS

Washington, Nov. 29.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, in a radio address to the National Council of the Churches of Christ today said he is confident that "the United Nations will not be found lacking in firmness of spirit or determination in responding to this new aggression (the Chinese Communist thrust in Korea)."

The United Nations "cannot be intimidated by this new challenge to its authority into shaking off its responsibilities to the people of Korea."

Mr Acheson's speech read in part: "A serious situation has arisen—one which hoards graves danger for the peace of the world.

"I would like to talk to you about the meaning of this situation which has been created in Korea before going on to discuss some of the broader questions I had in mind to raise with you this evening. An act of brazen aggression has taken place in Korea.

"Against these new, fresh and numerous forces our U.N. troops are fighting bravely. But conditions are difficult. They have been met with heroic fortitude.

"We have had dark days before in Korea. When the first wave of aggression had driven us back to the beachhead of Pusan and the outlook was not bright, the United Nations showed no weakness of spirit or of determination because it was fighting for a principle. And I am confident too that the United Nations will not be found lacking in firmness of spirit or determination in responding to this new aggression. . . . .

NO INTIMIDATION

"We cannot be intimidated by this new challenge to its authority into shaking off its responsibilities to the people of Korea.

"Now this new act of aggression has created a new crisis — a situation of unparalleled danger.

"For if the Chinese Communist authorities continue to impose upon their people this war against the United Nations they will vastly increase the danger to the whole fabric of world peace.

"If the Chinese Communist authorities have real concern for the well-being of their people or for the regard of other nations they now have an opportunity to do it.

"This is the hour of decision. The authorities of Communist China stand before the judgment of mankind. The world will watch their actions in Korea and at Lake Success.

SOLIDARITY

"The United States has no special interests or interests different from those of the majority. From the very beginning of the Korean crisis the United States has sought complete solidarity with the majority of U.N. members.

"Questions raised by these acts of aggression in Korea go far beyond this small and remote peninsula. They have to be viewed as part of the world picture. To be fully understood they must be seen as part of world-wide operations of the international Communist Government. . . .

"Those who control the Soviet Union and the international Communist movement have made clear their fundamental design. It is to hold and solidify their power however ruthless the means may be required.

"The danger to the rest of the world created by design arises out of the belief made very clear in Bolshevist political writings that the holding of power by Russians of the Soviet Union requires complete subversion or forcible destruction of countries now free of their control.

"They are encouraged to act on this belief by the illusion that in so doing they are helping along the inevitable course of history.

INEVITABLE

"According to the Bolshevist interpretation history points to the collapse of non-Soviet states and their replacement by Soviet-style and Soviet-controlled states. Conflict is anticipated in the Bolshevist theory as an inevitable part of the process. . . .

"The Soviet military power creates a very grave danger to free institutions — a danger which must not be underestimated. The course of action we have chosen is to join with other Allies in increasing the strength of the free world as a bulwark against Soviet aggression. The purpose of this strength is not aggression. It is the very opposite. It is to defend such aggression."

He added, "If ever time imposed a test not alone of strength but of the character upon our people, this is such a time. . . For the first time in history a world organisation has rallied to put down by force of arms a crime committed against an international community.—United Press.

US Told To Seize Chance

Washington, Nov. 29.

General Omar Bradley today urged Congress to exploit for the own benefit of the United States the break between Yugoslavia and Russia by rushing emergency food shipments to Marshal Tito.

General Bradley spoke to the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff made his plea shortly after President Truman formally asked Congress for $38,000,000 to feed Yugoslavia and help it to resist Soviet aggression.

General Bradley said the proposed relief programme may serve as a lever to help the United States attain some of her national objectives.

Defence Secretary George Marshall, in a letter to the Committee, said it is very important that Tito's 30-division army, which he called the largest in Europe outside Russia, remain militarily effective and friendly to the Western powers.

General Bradley testified that Tito's army could be quite effective in stemming a Russian attack on Europe. Tito was leaning to the United States and the Yugoslav army was well-equipped and could be quite effective defensively.

There was more than wishful thinking in the move to line up the Communist leader against the Kremlin in the event of war in Europe.—United Press.

Indo-Nepal Agreement

New Delhi, Nov. 29.

Top leaders of the Indian and Nepalese governments met here today in an effort to reach agreement on Nepal's future, as reports reaching New Delhi said the Chinese Communists renewed their march on Lhasa, the Tibetan capital.

An official communique said that the Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and his deputy, Vallabhbhai Patel, met the Nepalese Defence Minister, K. C. Kasier, and the Foreign Minister for a "friendly exchange."

The Nepalese agreed with India that reforms should be made in the feudal State but rejected a time limit for carrying out such reforms.

The English-language newspaper "The Statesman" said that reports from Kalimpong indicated the boy Dalai Lama, head of the Tibetan State, was contemplating fleeing his capital of Lhasa in face of advancing Chinese Communists. Chinese forces have reached the area of Giamdo Dong, 120 miles east of Lhasa.—United Press.

New War Strategy Needed

Washington, Nov. 29.

Senator Millard Tydings, Chairman of the Senate Armed Service Committee, said today that a "mass invasion by hundreds of thousands of trained Chinese troops" in Korea called for a complete new war plan.

He made the statement after a conference with Defence Department officials.

Senator Tydings said that the Defence Department officials described the Korean situation as "very grave" and added that new war plans were being developed.

Senator Tydings said he assumed the tentative plans included the possible use of the atom bomb in Korea. Later he revised that to say he assumed that all possible military strategy was being considered.

Senator Tydings said a decision as to the use of artillery, manpower or the atomic bomb was not one for the Senate Committee or Congress, but for the Executive Department.—Reuter.

Optimism At Pentagon

Washington, Nov. 29.

An Army spokesman today cautioned against "over-pessimism" about the United Nations military reverses in Korea.

At a Pentagon briefing he said: "We have been in much worse situations and have come out of them all right." The situation is serious "but this does not mean that all is lost, by any means." He said while the United Nations forces have withdrawn generally, it has been orderly. He described the withdrawal as "not of great distance."

In reply to questions the spokesman said there had been no talk around the Pentagon of the United Nations troops either evacuating from Korea or withdrawing below the 38th Parallel.—United Press.

PAT BEATS OLD JINX

Sydney, Nov. 29.

Mrs Pat Brown, at her sixth attempt, has finally managed to beat a four-year-old jinx and leave Australia for America where she will join her husband.

Here is her record since she made her first, vain, bid to join him soon after the end of the war.

1. Two days before sailing broke a leg;

2. Stowed away because she couldn't get a passage but was discovered and sent back from Manila;

3. Booked by plane but the taxi taking her to the drome crashed and she broke her arm;

4. A few days before her next ship was to sail, contracted measles and lost her medical clearance;

5. Booked on another plane, she was taken to hospital for a serious abdominal operation a few days before the aircraft took off.

6. A few days before her plane left on her last attempt a baby tore her ticket up. Although it was replaced she nearly missed the plane by oversleeping.

The plane was held for her and, she hurried aboard, she gasped to friends:

"My husband will never believe all this. He's a marine."—Reuter.

President To Reveal Policy

Washington, Nov. 29.

White House officials said today that President Truman will tell the United States tomorrow what the United States government is going to do to cope with the new threat to world peace raised by the Communist thrust into Korea.

An official said that at President Truman's press conference "the President definitely will have a statement on Korea. It will restate this country's Far Eastern policy."—United Press.

Brighter Picture In Levant

London, Nov. 29.

Mr Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons in its foreign policy debate today that the Middle East had been traditionally the scene of internal disagreements and rivalry. But there were recent events which gave ground for satisfaction, he added.

There was the tripartite declaration by the Governments of France, the United States and Britain of last May, he continued.

It must be a matter of satisfaction that these countries had turned their backs on any old-fashioned ideas of spheres of influence and been able to join in a statement of common intent to assist in the preservation of peace and stability in that area.

Within this framework many obstinate problems might be settled.

Another important decision was that Turkey and Greece should be associated with the defence planning in the Mediterranean and in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

In addition, all Middle Eastern countries members of the United Nations, including Israel and Egypt, voted for the General Assembly resolution of November 3 entitled "United Action For Peace", Mr. Bevin said.—Reuter.

Fate In Korea 'Indeterminate'

Washington, Nov. 29.

Senator Tydings, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said today that defence officials regard the fate of American troops fighting the Chinese Communists as "indeterminate."

Senator Tydings reported that while Red casualties were "astounding" the American losses were comparatively light. Reporters asked whether he gained the impression that new developments in Korea marked the start of a third world war. He replied, "It could be, but I hope not."—United Press.

Asia Development Plan Gets A Good Reception

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 29.

The report of the Commonwealth Consultative Committee on development in south and south east Asia has received so much advance publicity that its official publication yesterday came as a mild anti-climax.

It was unfortunate, too, that it coincided with the serious turn in the military situation in Korea —an event which has overshadowed the report and caused the first real signs of doubt about its practicability.

The report was, however, unanimously welcomed in the British Press, the Times describing it as "a challenge both to the idealism and self-interest of the West."

It is not surprising that the Press has done what the report did not do—it stresses the part the plan can play in preventing further encroachment of Communism in Asia. But at the same time the fact that it is a positive plan for economic progress and not a negative one for fighting Communism is considered by the Manchester Guardian to be one of its chief characteristics.

The Press goes one step farther than the report in pointing out that the plan cannot succeed without financial aid from America—a fact which the report only hints at.

"If (American) aid is to be given," says the Manchester Guardian, "speed is essential. This is the view of much of Asia about offers of assistance from the West. If the Commonwealth plan is published and then nothing else happens for years Asia will conclude that it is gazing at a mirage. It may prefer the more limited cash in hand of Communism."

NEW ORDER OF FORCES

But the British Press is generally agreed that means can be found to finance the plan—if a World War does not intervene before it is completed. Doubts are expressed about the ability of Britain's economy to stand the strain of huge repayments of Sterling balances. It is pointed out, however, that even larger withdrawals from these funds have been made in the past and over a shorter period than that envisaged by the plan.

The Financial Times has more to say on this aspect of the plan than other sections of the Press. It relates the plan to a new order of forces that are coming into play in the Far East and to a new balance of power in the American Congress and says whether any significant action results, depends on decisions of strategy and of politics as well as of economics.

The Daily Telegraph says the success of the plan depends not only on the supply of capital and on its wise expenditure but also on assurance of security. It must go hand in hand with defence.

CATCHING IMAGINATION

But despite these relatively minor reservations the high hopes expressed in the report are reflected throughout the British Press and perhaps best summarised by the Manchester Guardian which says:

"Schemes like that of the Bhakra Dam (a £57,000,000 project in India's development plan) if successfully completed may catch the Asian imagination in the same way that the Tennessee Valley project caught the imagination of America, or the Turkish Railway and the Russian canals the imagination of Communists."

Peace Or War Vote In UN

Lake Success, Nov. 29.

Practically every delegation to the United Nations, the Indian delegation among them, was today in continuous touch with their Government and in contact with other leading diplomats on the eve of a "peace or war" vote by the Security Council.

Screaming headlines in the newspapers announcing further reverses for the United Command in Korea heralded a day of fateful decision.—Reuter.

New French Drive In Indo-China

Saigon, Nov. 29.

French troops today began a drive to recapture the outpost of Chupaisan, abandoned two days ago by its garrison of 50 men to a strong force of Communist rebels.

A French military spokesman here said the attacking column was pushing eastward toward the Vietminh-held post without opposition although large rebel forces are known to be in the area.

Elsewhere in the western Indo-Chinese peninsula activity was limited to patrol skirmishes from which the French emerged with few casualties.

The spokesman reported Vietminh troops were fleeing before a steady advance begun earlier this week in the Songtraly river area. These operations include several battalions of French and Vietminh troops.—United Press.

Duchess In Geneva

Athens, Nov. 29.

The Duchess of Kent, after six weeks in Greece, left here today by air for Geneva.—Reuter.

Ben Gurion On Greek Holiday

Athens, Nov. 29.

The Prime Minister of Israel, Mr Ben Gurion, arrived in Athens by air from Lydda today for a short holiday in Greece. The visit was an informal one.

Mr Ben Gurion, it was believed, would leave Greece next Sunday after visiting archaeological sites.—Reuter.

Pleven Calls For Vote Of Confidence

Paris, Nov. 29.

The Prime Minister, M. Rene Pleven, today asked the National Assembly for a vote of confidence.

His action followed last night's refusal by the French President, M. Vincent Auriol, to accept the resignation of M. Pleven's government after a vote of censure on the Socialist Defence Minister, M. Jules Moch.

The vote cannot be taken until tomorrow, under the French constitution.

President Auriol presided at a meeting of the Council of Ministers earlier today which authorised the Prime Minister to put the question of confidence to the Assembly "on the composition and policy of the government."

In a secret vote yesterday, the Assembly by 295 to 203 approved a Communist motion to indict M. Moch before the High Court of Justice for "crimes committed in the exercise of his functions while Minister of the Interior."

These arose in the "affair of the generals" which involved the disclosure that two senior army officers had allowed top secrets to reach the Indo-Chinese insurgents.

After the vote, five Socialist ministers withdrew from the Cabinet in protest and the Prime Minister then offered his government's resignation to the President who refused to accept it.—Reuter.

He Gave His Flats Away

London, Nov. 29.

A 75-year-old London property owner has just given away 120 flats in the East End because he is "tired of losing money on them".

The flats, in Stepney and Shoreditch, have rents which have been pegged at 12 shillings and 16 shillings since before the Second World War.

Under the Rent Restrictions Act, money spent on repairs cannot be recovered by raising the rent.

So the owner, Mr W. Pilbrow, has presented the flats to two building foremen who can do the repairs themselves, saying that if they can make money on the flats after that, they are welcome to it.—Reuter.

Anglo-Spanish Relations

London, Nov. 29.

Mr Ernest Davies, Foreign Under-Secretary, declined in the House of Commons today to undertake abolition of visas for travellers between Britain and Spain.

It was a matter which the British Ambassador could discuss when appointed, he said.

Asked when the British Ambassador would be appointed, Mr Davies said that there were administrative conditions and considerations upon which it was necessary to seek the Spanish Government's agreement.—Reuter.

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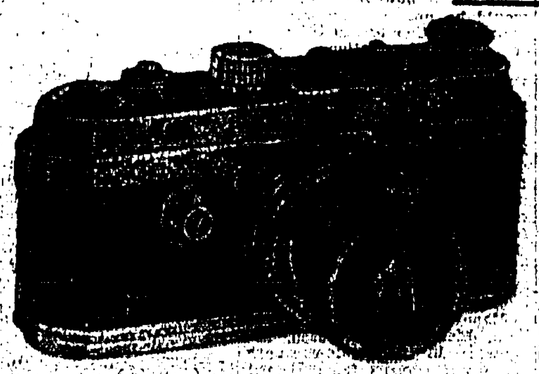

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Outspoken Charges Levelled Against Peking By America

Chinese Keep Up Boycott

Lake Success, Nov. 29.

The Communist Chinese delegates refused to take their seats for Wednesday's Security Council session called to resume discussion of the problems of Formosa and Korea.

As Council President Alex Bebler convened the meeting, he invited, in accord with practice, the Chinese Communists and the South Koreans to take their places at the table. Colonel Ben Limb, the South Korean Foreign Minister, took his place at one end of the horse-shoe mahogany desk, General Wu Hsiu-chuan followed suit, but he sat with the members of his delegation to one side, and the seat behind the marker "Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China" remained vacant.

Colonel Limb was listed as the first speaker in the debate, and the Chinese Communists explained privately to officials they would not participate in the Council's proceedings so long as Korea was under discussion.

Mr Pu Shan, speaking for the non-member Chinese delegation, said the group would take their place in the Council's discussion when the debate returned to the subject of Formosa.

The meeting proceeded, and Colonel Limb accused Peking of "inviting cataclysmic disaster to mankind by its insane, immoral and monstrous conduct."

FANTASTIC CHARGE

The Council heard a message from the North Korean Government charging American forces with atrocities and "bestial reprisals" in Korea.

Mr Jacob Malik, the Soviet delegate, requested that before any other business the telegram—from the North Korean Minister—should be read out.

As no other Council member objected to Mr Malik's proposal, Mr Alex Bebler (Yugoslavia), requested Mr Konstantine Ginchenko, Assistant Secretary-General in charge of Security Council affairs, to read out the 1,300-word cable.

Mr Bebler extended the usual invitation to the representatives of the Chinese People's Republic and the Republic of Korea to take their seats at the table, but General Wu Hsiu-chuan did not take his seat.

Instead, he continued to sit in the seats to the side of the Council table reserved for interested officials.

A United Nations official said that the official explanation for General Wu's explanation was that he had declined to take the seat he had occupied yesterday and the day before because the Council was discussing the Korean question.

He had said in his speech yesterday that he would not take part in the Korean debate as it was at present worded on the Council's agenda.

The official said that General Wu had intimated that he would take his seat when the Council again referred to his charge of American aggression in Formosa.—United Press and Reuter.

Lake Success, Nov. 29.

The United States accused Communist China today of using "distortions, slanders, half-truths and outright lies" to support its charge of American "aggression" against Formosa.

Mr Warren Austin urged the Security Council to get to work on the six-power resolution calling upon Peking to withdraw its forces from Korea.

Mr Austin dismissed General Wu's charges as an attempt "to challenge two-thirds of the world."

He recognised that some delegations still needed instructions from their governments on the resolution and therefore he would not press for a vote tonight. The resolution was certain of a Russian veto, which would make it possible for the United States and its Western partners to take care of Chinese aggression against Korea to the 60-nation veto-free General Assembly.

"My delegation has no wish at this time to explore the details of General Wu's statement," said Mr Austin. "It would take long to restore history to its previous condition. At this moment, the Council should not be delayed in its effort to prevent the spread of war in Asia. At the moment it suffices for me to categorically deny his charges against the United Nations and the United States."

SILENCE

Mr Austin noted General Wu's silence regarding the 20 questions he (Austin) posed to the Communists on Tuesday.

"General Wu declined to answer my questions directly, but here, as elsewhere, he did answer them, either by his silence or when bound by circumstances to speak by his statements, which revealed the attitude of an aggressor.

"What this Council must do, in the opinion of my government, is lay aside the fantastic charge of United States aggression against Formosa and proceed with the six-power resolution on Korea.

As General Wu and his delegation sat in the Important Visitors' section some 20 feet from the conference table and feigned indifference to proceedings, Col. Limb said: "I charge the Communist regime with criminal warfare, wanton unprovoked aggression upon the Republic of Korea. I charge it with endangering the peace of the world. I charge it with inviting cataclysmic disaster to all mankind by its insane, immoral and monstrous conduct. I demand that the Chinese Communist regime withdraw its troops from Korea forthwith. I demand that it release military and civilian prisoners of war.

"Peace in the Orient and peace in the world are indivisible today. But they are also unattainable unless Communism halts its mad march of world conquest. It must be made to halt. This is stern reality."

He said General MacArthur's forces had been on the "verge of fulfilment" of its orders to restore peace and security in Korea.

"Then suddenly the Chinese Communist Army, without provocation, without justification, wantonly invaded the soil of Korea. This massive Chinese Communist army, supplied with weapon of every description chiefly from the arsenal of the International Communist heartland, was driven into this savage warfare against Korea, a friendly neighbour. The shells and bullets of this Chinese Communist Army are at this very moment killing men of the United Nations and the civilian population of my country.

"This is plain, unwarranted aggression. I point my finger at these representatives of the Chinese Communist regime and ask, why do their representatives come here with unclean hands. I ask again, why does the group come here with hands that drip blood— blood of the United Nations troops, blood of the Korean people?"

CHARGE DERIDED

When Col. Limb had finished and Dr Ting-fu Tsiang of Nationalist China took the floor to speak about Formosa, the Communists took their place at the Council table.

Dr Tsiang derided the Reds' charge of American "imperialism". He told the Council:

"His (Wu's) statement yesterday was about U.S. imperialist designs on Taiwan, but there are no American military forces on this island. The United States has not asked for naval, air or Army bases on the island nor for any special economic or political privileges. We should refresh our memories of the past war. Before the United States government gave aid to China in fighting Japan, the United States could have, but did not, demand any conditions whatever from my government.

"That policy was in strange contrast with the policy of the Soviet government.

"China was forced to yield to Russia Port Arthur and to give other special privileges in Manchuria. The United States government asked nothing of China for its great aid during the war.

CAIRO AGREEMENT

Dr Tsiang agreed with General Wu that the Cairo and Potsdam declarations agreed to return Formosa to China.

"But the agreement was made for the benefit of the Chinese people," he added.

General Wu then asked for the floor to denounce Dr Tsiang as a representative of China.

"I have serious doubts whether this man who just spoke is Chinese himself," he said. "Some 475,000,000 people speak a language which it appears he does not know himself."

This was a sarcastic reference to Dr Tsiang's custom of addressing the Council in English. General Wu refuses to speak anything but Chinese.—United Press.

Call To Air Ministry

Twenty-four-year old Mrs Joy Driver, wife of the RAF officer whose Meteor force-landed in the Soviet Zone in Germany and who was held captive for over two months before being released, phones the Air Ministry for news of her husband, Flight-Lieutenant John Driver. When Mrs Driver made this call she was told by the Air Ministry that the first letter from her husband had just been received.—London Express Service.

Chinese Reds Only Trying To Save Face?

Washington, Nov. 29.

A high American military official expressed the opinion that Communist China could easily overrun Korea as well as all South-East Asia if the Peking Government wanted to launch an all-out military effort in those two areas.

But he did not believe that was the intention of the Chinese Communists, at least at this time.

This military source, well-grounded in Far Eastern affairs, expressed the opinion that the Chinese Reds' intervention in Korea, although on a considerable scale, was still only a local action designed to provide a face-saving backdrop for diplomatic negotiations to secure concessions from the West.

So far as South-East Asia is concerned, this officer said, the American view is that if the Chinese Communists launched an all-out attack directed at Burma, Thailand, Indo-China and Malaya, the United States could do nothing to block them and should not waste men and money trying. But American arms and other aid can hold South-East Asia from the Reds if the menace is confined to local Communist uprisings in these various countries.

This is the theory behind the current American programme of providing military and economic aid to South-East Asian countries trying to subdue indigenous Communist revolutions. In general some progress was being made against the Reds in the area.

American officials make no secret of the fact that they view the military situation in Indo-China as very serious. But they continually express hope that the recent concessions made to the Vietnam Government of Bao Dai by the French will result in more local support of French and native forces fighting Ho Chi-minh's Communists and that American military aid will turn the tide of the battle.

Officials here who have surveyed the situation, place part of the blame for the situation in Indo-China on Bao Dai and part on the French. They contend the French have been rather slow to implement their promise of autonomy for the three States of Vietnam, but that, on the other hand, Bao Dai has not been very co-operative until just recently.

AID FROM CHINA

American officials realised, however, that Vietnam does not have enough educated officials to run the country without the French yet and that there is, therefore, some reason for the reluctance of the French to go too fast in turning over power.

The consensus of American military men who have visited Indo-China recently is that, if all French military and civilian personnel withdrew from Indo-China at this time, Ho would control the entire country within 48 hours. Lack of trained Vietnam personnel extends to the armed forces too, American officials said. Although a training programme is in effect, it is proceeding very slowly.

American observers who recently visited Indo-China said there was little doubt that the Chinese Communists are giving Ho's forces considerable aid in the way of equipment and training in China. It is not clear whether Ho is taking his orders direct from Peking now. His forces throughout Indo-China are estimated to number about 100,000.

United States officials who recently visited Malaya reported that the British are doing an excellent job in holding down Communist activity and striving for closer integration of the Malayan Federation. But they think that it is going to be a long, hard struggle because of the guerilla nature of the fighting in the dense jungles. Their only criticism of the British action there was of a technical military nature.

CHINESE INFILTRATION

The Americans asserted the British had not learned how to secure a maximum effect of their air power against the jungle guerillas. They contended that British aircraft, by indiscriminate attacks in the jungle, were killing their own patrols as often as the enemy.

These American officials noted there was considerable infiltration of Chinese Communists into Malaya to bolster the Red cause.

Although the "bandits" number only 4,000, they have been able to secure considerable support, by extortion from the Chinese population of Malaya which constitutes 40 percent of the population of the peninsula.

In Thailand, the army is described by American observers as being very good at the lower levels but poor at the top echelon where, it is said, generals often engage in politics rather than in military activities.—United Press.

Aly And Rita On African Tour

Madrid, Nov. 29.

Prince Aly Khan and his wife, film actress Rita Hayworth, left here today for a tour which will take them to North Africa, the Near East and South Africa.

From Madrid they are travelling by car to Cordoba, Seville and Granada on their way to Gibraltar.—Reuter.

Korea Puts The Coffee Up

New York, Nov. 29.

New Yorkers today paid ten cents (6d.) for their traditional five cents cup of coffee—all because of the war developments in Korea.

The city's leading chain of restaurants, which had stuck to its five-cent cup throughout a series of recent jumps in the price of coffee beans, has finally announced a hundred per cent rise.—Reuter.

Gunther Stein Deported

London, Nov. 29.

Mr Gunther Stein, European correspondent of the Hindustan Times of Delhi and its associated group of papers in India, arrived in London this afternoon after being deported from France on the orders of the French Government.

Mr Stein in a statement here said that he was prevented from contacting the British or Indian Embassies and given two hours to get ready before being taken to a Channel port yesterday.

Mr Gunther Stein is a naturalised British citizen. Mr Stein said: 'There was no accusation whatsoever against me of ever having done anything to harm the interests of France or indeed any government other than that of imperialist Japan.

"This 'French' case against me was evidently American-directed and certainly American-desired."

Mr Stein continued: "The questions put by the French Security police were word by word based upon the notorious U.S. Army release of February 22, 1949.

That document tried to connect two writers objective towards the new China and relatively influential in America—Agnes Smedley, whom the resulting persecution drove to her death, and myself—to the large spy ring of the Soviet Union in pre-war Japan.

"I categorically denied and I deny again, those charges allegedly obtained from tortured prisoners of the Japanese police."

Mr Stein said: "I shall fight for the revocation of this deportation order by a government that can have nothing against me and which has subscribed to the United Nations principles of freedom of the Press and its correspondents."—Reuter.

Germans Fight Propaganda

Frankfurt, Nov. 29.

German authorities in the British zone are taking what they call "constructive countermeasures" to protect German youth against Communist youth propaganda, an official British report said.

The Lower Saxony Government has worked out a plan to aid unemployed youth in the Watenstedt-Salzgitter area, near the Anglo-Soviet border. This industrial area has been a special target of Communist propaganda because of dismantling at the former Hermann Goering steel works. The British officially ended dismantling last September.—Reuter.

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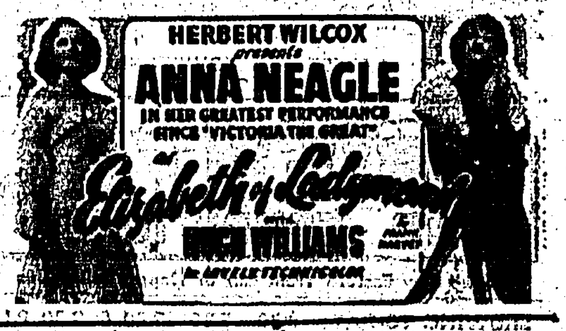

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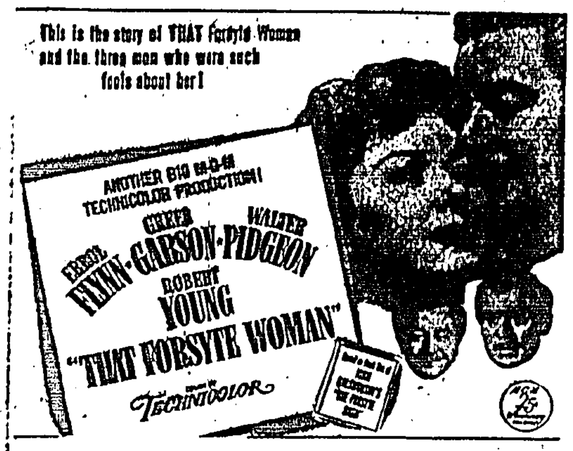

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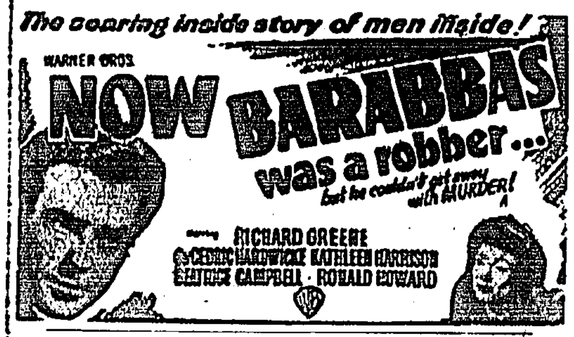

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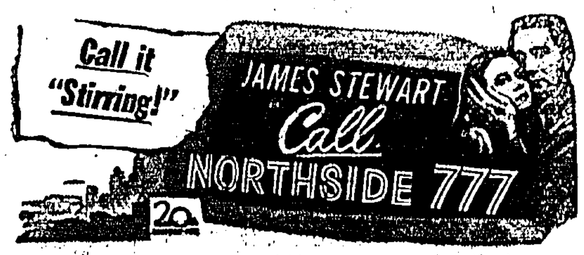

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

New York, Tuesday

LEAVE New York for a fortnight and what happens? The British £, dismissed as so much wall-paper when I took-off for Texas and Mexico, is now strenuously sought after.

The telephone rings constantly in the Daily Mail office here. "What about the £? Bound to go up, isn't it? Heard about the flow of gold to England? Quite a come-back."

The financial expert of the Associated Press comes in and expresses his high opinion of the £. The Wall Street Journal inquires about a possible three-dollar rate for sterling.

Tourists line up at the counters of Cook's and the American Express agencies in Fifth-avenue. They want £'s.

The financiers downtown are in the market for £'s. The despised, denounced, beaten-down currency of the United Kingdom and the sterling area is being promoted and praised as solid, stable, and safe.

Every time a spokesman in London denies that any revaluation of the £ at a higher level is contemplated there are immediate cries of "Ah! the shrewd British—always were financial wizards. Denials mean nothing; you can bet your bottom dollar that sterling's going up."

Pleasant change

IT is so nice to come home to such a roseate atmosphere. It is stimulating to be considered solvent again. For months I have been handled with consummate care by my American friends, treated delicately as the impoverished representative of a country on the rocks—a man hardly able to pay for his round of drinks or the taxi fare.

Now my standing is restored. I have £'s, and I might even be able to lend dollars.

The dollars would obviously come in handy for the politicians. They need them for the pay-offs and the deals which are the outstanding feature of the current election campaign.

It seems that every candidate is involved in some transaction and arrangement. No one is in the clear.

Indiscreet letters testifying to "ironclad and unbreakable" agreements have descended like snowstorms on the party platforms.

Mr Truman's Democrats, experts in barter and the sale of office, profess disgust and despair that their opponents have been promising political jobs for services rendered or challenges withdrawn.

Mr Dewey's Republicans, skilled in the "fix" and the compromise, declare their outrage at their rivals raffling rewards.

Voters bored

THE city is not as rough, tough, and robust as it used to be. When politicians begin to have consciences something strange has happened to New York.

Political deals here are inevitable. They are always with us. I find no anger among the voters. They are bored by the blather. They want houses, a dollar that rings true and buys hard, security for themselves and for the country.

Particularly they would like the real reason for the Truman-MacArthur meeting, and the true story of what went on at Wake.

Mr Truman is Commander-in-Chief and the boss. Why did he have to fly a 15,000-mile round trip to see the hired help, however distinguished and brilliant the help might be?

Had MacArthur threatened to resign?

Anyone would think that sovereign rulers of separate States had met, and I expect the two Powers to exchange Ambassadors at any moment.

Mr Truman is said to have acted "like an insurance salesman who has at last signed up an important prospect," and MacArthur "appeared dubious over the extent of the coverage."

Pay, pay, pay

WELL, the American public pays the premium. The public is paying more and more—and it is beginning to hurt. America cannot foot all the bills all over the world all the time. There never has been such generosity. Fifteen thousand million pounds in foreign aid since the war.

All of a sudden the £ has become popular

Here the mood is for self-discipline and for self-criticism. Distillers have been asked to cut their production of whisky by 15 per cent., and spending on race-courses, dance halls, amusement parks, and cinemas has been curbed. Instalment buying has been slashed.

Prices are now completely out of hand and there is even frightening talk of the flight from the dollar. It is not a flight but a somewhat hurried departure. Actually the dollar is worth about half its value of ten years ago.

Naturally the workers are demanding wage increases, and they are getting five to ten per cent. boosts from coast to coast. But as soon as their pay envelopes are fattened the merchants pump up the cost of living again. The vicious circle has become a nightmare and inflation floats up to the stratosphere.

It is all rather like a lurid serial story. Will Harry Truman save Miss America from a fate worse than death? Is there time to snatch the heroine to safety before disaster? See next week's gripping instalment—or, better, buy pounds.

The women, with 70 per cent. of the nation's wealth, have the most to lose. They suggest one plain solution—more production. And they are right.

The Dionnes

The Dionne quintuplets, shy, sweet, and unsophisticated, have been in town, singing "The Sidewalks of New York," and hemmed in and harassed by escorts of motor-cycles.

The quintuplets are free of artifice. They have been beautifully brought up—and they shame every strutting, drum-majorette who prances down the avenues here. They are dressed with almost austere severity.

Fashion experts here are appalled. They say that glitter and colour, satin and sparkle, diamonds (real or make-believe) that challenge the stars are the vogue for the autumn. The newest look is to wear jewels fastened on to the skin by suction.

The quintuplets say: "No, thank you." They have been the most welcome visitors New York has had for a long time.

Broadway and Hollywood have, of course, offered all sorts of lures and inducements, but the quintuplets are not interested. Anyway, the entertainment competition is fierce just now. Ethel Merman is a strident success in "Call Me Madam," a musical satire on Perle Mesta, though the show could be better. Merman is magnificent singing "The Hostess with the Mostes' on the Ball." And Mrs Mesta will probably be promoted from Minister to an Ambassadorship.

Lily Pons, abandoning operatic dignity, is taking on the Merman manner, singing "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" and going through a burlesque routine with wiggling hips and seductive postures to show her versatility—or something.

The British play "Daphne Laureola," starring Edith Evans and Cecil Parker, will be withdrawn next week—too expensive.

Bogart's aim

HUMPHREY BOGART is completely unperturbed at being barred from the Stork and El Morocco night clubs here. "It takes a long time to develop a repulsive character like mine; you've got to work at it. I plan to get barred from Madison-square Garden."

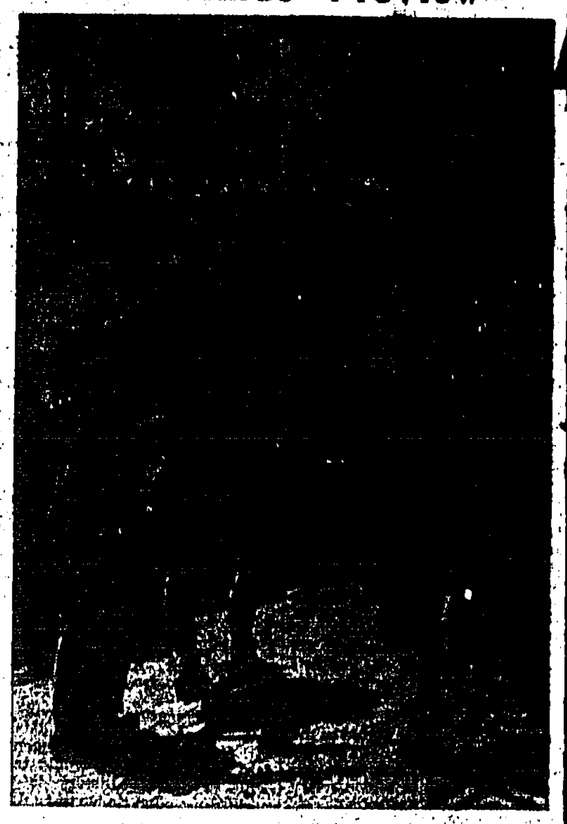
Bob Hope says evening gowns get more daring all the time—the front is now daring the back.

Heard around town: Now that President Truman and General MacArthur have met, a non-aggression pact is expected.

Uncle Sam has surpassed Atlas—he is carrying the world with all the world's hands in his pockets.

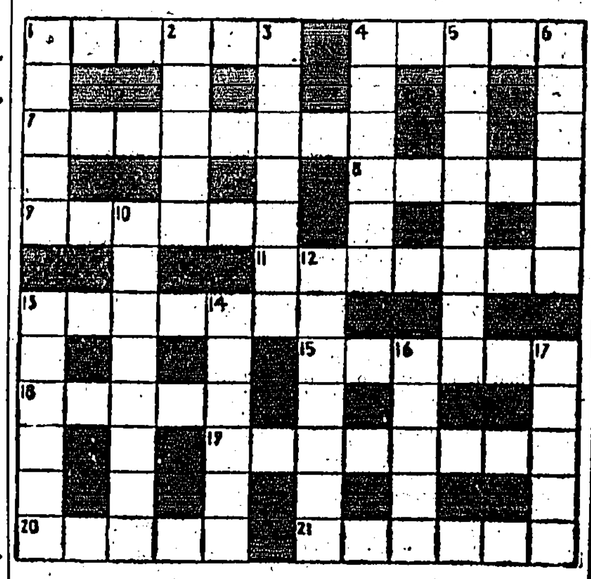
Footnote: Too many politicians act because they feel the heat, not see the light.

Christmas Preview



Although the Christmas season is nearly a month away, youngsters can visit Santa Claus at a nearer North Pole; this one is on Whiteface Mountain, near Wilmington, N.Y. The children are helping Mother Hubbard to feed a reindeer at Santa's workshop, which has been visited by more than 500,000 children and adults. (Acme).

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Dunce
4 Yawns
7 Discontinue meetings
8 Tree
9 Drum
11 Came out
13 Worldly
15 Yellowish
18 Be repeated
19 Oppressive demand
20 Destroyed
21 Anger

DOWN
1 Headquarters of regiment
2 Primary
3 Rule prescribed
4 Lubricate
5 Lavish
6 Used frugally
10 Handcuffs
12 Communication
13 Sufferer for a cause
14 Tallied
16 Subsequently
17 Shrink.

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Bias, 4 Cremate, 8 Acre, 9 Cram, 10 Amiable, 11 Peso, 12 Haul, 14 Stutter, 17 Edged, 19 Brisk, 22 Pay-roll, 26 Epee, 27 Limn, 28 Cabinet, 29 Elbe, 30 Grow, 31 Referee, 32 Stew. Down: 2 Inroad, 3 Sample, 4 Crass, 5 Remote, 6 Meant, 7 Tulle, 12 Heap, 13 Ugly, 15 Trip, 16 Rake, 18 Allege, 20 Renews, 21 Sedate, 23 Amaze, 24 Raise, 25 Litre.

FLYING WAR WOUNDED FROM KOREA

First military hospital in the United Kingdom to be used by British war casualties from Korea will be the RAF hospital at Wroughton, near Swindon.

This 500-bed hospital lies in the heart of the Wiltshire countryside, half an hour's ambulance ride from Transport Command's air terminus at Lyneham. From Wroughton, calls will go out to other hospitals, RAF, RN, Army and civil, requesting the acceptance of the patients as soon as they are considered fit for transfer, for Wroughton RAF hospital is virtually a staging post for overseas casualties. Up to 80 beds are held in constant readiness to receive all airborne patients.

Most casualties to arrive in the United Kingdom since routine air evacuation began, 12 months ago, have been medical and surgical cases from Germany. Increasing numbers have been flown from the Middle East, and recently a regular service was inaugurated from Singapore.

Service patients from Tokyo have been taken by sea to Singapore and flown on from there, arriving in the United Kingdom four or five days later, but the airlift has now been extended to Tokyo, so that casualties from Korea may reach England more quickly.

GREEKS ASK FAVOUR OF FORMER ENEMY

By MICHAEL MANNING

ATHENS.

TO save the lives of 130,000 families, the Greek Government is today officially asking favours from a German they at one time labelled as a war criminal.

And the Greeks complain that America, Britain, and several other countries are responsible for forcing them to an act of humiliation.

Before the war, half of Greece's exported tobacco went to Germany, and the Germans liked the taste of cigarettes made from it.

But after the war, the taste of the German smoker changed in favour of American Virginian cigarettes, smuggled into that country.

American tobacco producers grasped this opportunity to conquer the German market, and oust the Greek product from its predominant position.

"Every packet of American cigarettes a GI gives his German girl friend helps to condemn one Greek family of tobacco growers to death by starvation," a Greek official told me.

Apart from the loss of the German market, Britain and other countries which were Greece's customers before the war now buy their tobacco from Turkey, where it is cheaper, though not of the same fine quality.

LEFT TO ROT

The last two years' production of Greek tobacco, amounting to some 100,000 tons (enough to cover the needs of Greek smokers for 10 years) is left to rot in Greek storehouses, and unless Greece finds customers for it soon, there will be much poverty among the Greeks—one in every seven—who depend upon this product for their living.

Finding no other way out, the Greek Government set themselves to reconquer the taste of the German smoker and repel the invasion of Virginian tobacco.

But the German official with whom they had to deal concerning the import of tobacco in Western Germany was a Dr Hess, whose extradition was demanded by the Greek Bureau of War Criminals for alleged crimes in Greece during the German occupation.

SIMPLE PROCESS

When the Germans occupied Greece, Dr Hess thought it advisable to set up a "business" of his own. With the assistance of nine Germans who were employed in tobacco concerns in Greece, he established what they called "the monopoly for the collection of tobacco for the needs of the German Army".

As they were allowed to wear the uniforms of German officers, the process was very simple.

Dr Hess and his party toured the country, which they knew well, and, it is alleged, forced Greek tobacco growers into handing over this stocks. Objections meant prison.

In a small district in the south of Greece they removed 22,000 tons of tobacco stored there. One of the producers, who was forced at the point of a gun, to hand over his £5,000 worth of stock, received one shilling. "You cannot complain if the German Army does not pay," he was told.

The landing of British troops in Greece in 1944 marked the end of Dr Hess's career in this country. He and his assistants flew to Germany with top-ranking German officers, and when Hitler was defeated the Greek Bureau of War Criminals asked the Allies for their extradition.

LIVES AT STAKE

But recently everything had to be cancelled. The very lives of 130,000 Greek families were at stake—the same families who were ruined by Dr Hess during the war. The Greek Government had to make a courageous move.

Relying on a clause of a law of 1945 which provided leniency for the Communists who had taken part in the armed uprising, the Cabinet Council decided to exonerate Dr Hess and two of his "assistants" since, according to the law, "important national issues were involved."

When the decision was approved, and duly notified to the persons concerned — including the astounded officials of the Greek Bureau of War Criminals—the Greek Deputy Prime Minister, Mr George Palandreou, was informed that he was expected at Bonn, where he would negotiate with Dr Hess for the exportation of Greek tobacco to Germany.

But Greek tobacco growers who crowded the Bureau of War Criminals to demand explanations said: "We would rather starve than ask favours of him. If he dares come to Greece we'll kill him."

Achievement Of Czech Doctors

Prague, Nov. 29.

Czechoslovakia's State Health Institute has perfected a method of recovering regenerating streptomycin from the urine of patients treated with the drug, according to a claim made by the Prague newspaper Svobodone Slovo.

About a third of the total amount given to a patient can be regenerated and filtered for re-use under the new process, the paper said, so that the final loss of the drug was reduced from about 45 to 15 percent.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

FERD'NAND — In the (Pic)nick of Time — By Mik

WOMANSENSE

Alwynn's 'Ski Bride'

Alwynn, 22-year-old Paris couturier, gives the finishing touches to his Ski-Bride which he presented in his mid-winter collection. Dressed in white satin from scarfed bonnet to the tips of her ski boots, her ski trousers covered by a billowing skirt of white tulle, she wears her bridal corsage, a bouquet of precious diamond orange blossoms from Mellerio, on the crossed inch-wide shoulder straps of her bare-shouldered bodice. A waist-length white satin parka completes the outfit. (AP).

Woman's View From Britain----

STAR'S RULES FOR A PERFECT COMPLEXION

SUSAN SHAW, star of "The Woman in Question" and "Pool of London," has one of the loveliest complexions in the film colony. Even the penetrating battery of lights in a photographer's or film studio fails to show up any flaws, and Susan needs no heavy make-up foundation for everyday wear.

Her secret is a simple one. She follows a strict routine of cleanliness, and says that no woman who desires a clear and lovely skin can afford to be lazy about cleaning—it is, in fact, a basic rule for beauty. No matter how long her working day, or how tired she is, Susan's nightly routine is never skimped. The compliments and admiring glances are ample rewards for her trouble.

Most Important

This is the method she recommends: First tie up your hair in a turban out of the way and apply make-up removing cream, taking it right up to the hairline and down to the base of the throat, and applying it carefully round eyes, nose and mouth. Use a clean piece of cotton wool to remove eye make-up and lipstick and then wipe off the rest of the cream.

Then apply a thin layer of ordinary cleansing cream, remove with cotton wool damped with a mild skin lotion. Finish off by washing with soap and water. Soften the water with a little toilet oatmeal, use a reliable soap and massage the lather with your fingers.

Rinsing is the most important part of the routine—use two or three lots of clear water.

Follow the routine faithfully and, says Miss Shaw, it is most unlikely that you will be troubled with blemishes. If you are, then something is wrong with diet and in all probability you are eating too many fats and starches and neglecting salads and fresh fruit and vegetables. Change your diet and sip a glass of hot water last thing at night. Drink plenty of water during the day between meals.

Bangles Again

Silver and gold bangles which were popular in the 1920's are now returning to favour. These bangles measure from half-an-inch to one-and-a-half inches and are oval in shape, rather than circular, in order to fit the shape of the wrist. A snap, virtually invisible, and a safety chain control the opening and closing of the bangle. While the bare wrist proves an attractive background for these newly-designed bangles, many women today prefer to wear them over the long sleeves of a dress or the smooth suede or kid of a glove! The latter fashion is in keeping with the current vogue for wearing a ring on the outside of a glove.

Women in Britain are not alone in favouring these gleaming gold or silver bangles, for women in overseas countries are also following the fashion, and a flourishing export trade has developed in these attractive wrist ornaments. Jewellers in London also report that necklaces have become tremendously popular during the past few months. Pearls and brilliantly coloured gemstones—perfect foils for printed fabrics—proves most popular during the warm days, both in the form of "dog collars" and pendant necklaces.

Judging by early reports, vivid semi-precious stones will be much worn with the new fashion, while pearls — those perennial favourites — will probably continue in popularity throughout the coming season.

With tinned food you MUST watch your—

Opening time!

LET'S take a look around your store cupboard, just in case you haven't checked up lately.

You've every sort of tin there and it gives you a cosy feeling to know there is a meal there at a moment's notice if the butcher is closed.

But storing can become a habit. You soon can't bear to get busy with your tin-opener and eat the contents of even one tin. But there's a time limit. Your tins will keep only a certain time.

Move them around a little, see if any one of them has developed a "bulge." If it has and it makes a "plopping" noise when pressed, there is gas at work in your tin and it must be scrapped.

Keep a pencil handy in the kitchen, and, before you slip a fresh tin away on the shelf, slip the date of purchase on its label.

Stand upright

A well-ventilated cupboard is the best place for tinned foods. And don't turn your tins on their sides.

Sometimes a tin shows signs of rust. This is caused through a damp atmosphere and will shorten the life of your tin. So it should be opened at the very first sign of rust.

Some foods keep longer than others. Fish, for instance, will keep fresh for five years. Almost all tinned soups will keep for four to five years and so will many tinned meats. Ham is the exception and should be eaten within six months.

Of all the tins in my cupboard my tin of peaches in heavy syrup I rate the most delightful tinned food. But they must be eaten in 12 months at the most, for after that their elegant flavour begins to deteriorate.

Gold and silver

Tinned vegetables can be stored with confidence for two years. Tins of jam in gold lacquered tins should be used within one year, but the silvery tins will keep for two or three years.

Unsweetened and evaporated milk in tins will be safe for three years, although the sweetened type will still be eatable though sugary after 12 months. You can keep all tins of baked beans, macaroni and spaghetti for two years and they'll still be first-rate.

When you open a tin turn out the contents and don't have tinned left-overs if you can possibly help it.

QUEENIE NEWCOMBE

Make Gloves Spick and Span

By ELEANOR ROSS

TODAY, let's have another session with the steam iron as a good wardrobe-grooming aid.

Suede and doeskin glove respond quickly to a steam iron treatment, which freshens them smartly. Place gloves on glove stretchers. Set steam temperature for rayon. Hold gloves about half-inch from iron and move back and forth so that steam permeates entire fabric. Then, while still damp, brush with soft brush or rubber sponge.

You'll discover, too, that suede pocketbooks respond beautifully to steaming. Set temperature dial for rayon. Steam entire surface holding pocketbook about half-inch from steam iron, moving back and forth so steam permeates entire surface. While still damp, brush lightly with soft clothes brush or rubber sponge. Use a fine emery board gently on badly worn spots to raise the nap. Get in some practice on an old handbag and see what a good job such a treatment does. After that, you'll always be able to keep that nappy look when steamed. Use method described above. And they will look even better if you smartly touch up the edge of the sole and heel with sole dye. This is obtainable in many stores.

Steam ironing does a good job to help eliminate fabric shine. Shine, as a rule, comes from two things: from poor ironing and from wear. Poor ironing, in this case, means dry ironing on the right side without a press cloth, or, in acetate rayons, glazing the surface with too hot an iron. If shine is caused by the latter, and not by excessive wear, it can be removed with a steam iron. Hold the iron with temperature dial set for rayon about half-inch above the shiny area so that the steam permeates shining area thoroughly, moving the iron back and forth. Brush the area gently while it is still damp, with a semi-stiff brush.

Crushed pile fabrics such as velvets and velveteens may be restored easily by this method. Brushing should always be done with the "lie" of the pile. Thick woollens, such as are used for

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A Visit to Blinky Mole

—Knarf Found the Parlor Full of Company—

By MAX TRELL

IT WAS a rainy afternoon. For a long time the children sat by the window with their faces pressed to the glass, wondering when the rain would stop falling. But it didn't stop at all. Finally it settled down to a slow steady drip-drip-drip. The children went off to look in their picture books.

Meanwhile Knarf, the shadow with the turned-about name decided that it was just the right kind of an afternoon to pay a visit to his old friend Blinky Mole.

Blinky Mole lived under the ground. The door to his underground house was just beside the stump of the old apple tree at the far end of the garden. Knarf rang the doorbell. A few moments later he was walking down the long flight of winding steps that led into Blinky's parlour.

Dark Glasses

Blinky Mole, wearing his dark glasses pushed up over his forehead (for any kind of strong light bothered Blinky's eyes and made them smart, except down in his own house where the light was kept quite dim) greeted Knarf and bade him welcome. "I'm glad you came, Knarf, I have several other guests this afternoon. They've all come in out of the rain."

To Knarf's surprise the parlour was filled with company.

It was a very curious company, and not at all like the company that usually comes to anybody's house. But Knarf recognised most of them.

There was Blackie Beetle. He sat on an easy-chair before the crackling fire, warming his numerous feet. There was Glive the Snail, who came down into Blinky's parlour carrying his own private house on his back. But it was a light house, made of shell, and not much trouble for Glive to carry about with him.

Miss Butterfly was there, standing delicately on the edge of one of Blinky's flower-vases, and fluttering wings now and then to keep her balance.

Several bees were there. They sat (or perhaps stood, it was difficult to tell which) on the bar of a clothes-hanger and kept asking everyone: "When is it going to stop raining? We're very busy, you know. It isn't right for us to stay idle too long, even though we enjoy being here of course!"

A chipmunk and three field mice were also present. They sat very quietly in the corners of the room. Only now and again they suddenly scampered up the walls to the corners of the ceiling, and stayed there very quietly for awhile until they changed their minds and suddenly came scampering down again.

Blackie Beetle sat in Blinky Mole's parlor.

"Well," said Blinky to Knarf, "find a place for yourself somewhere." He waved around the room. "There are plenty of chairs. Or, if you like, you can stretch out on a rug and take a nap. Come down from the ceiling, my friends!" he said all at once to the mice and the chipmunk. "I don't think it's very comfortable up there!"

Knarf wondered how Blinky was going to entertain all his friends. He found out long before the afternoon was spent.

Own Chair

Blinky sat himself down in his own chair and called out in a pleasant voice: "Who would like me to read a book?"

"About what?" asked Miss Butterfly, fluttering about over the book-shelf as Blinky reached for one of the books.

Blinky opened the book. It was a book about voyages all over the world—about sailors who sailed over the Seven Seas and many strange adventures—about pirates and buccaneers — about Robinson Crusoe and Sinbad the Sailor —about great explorers.

Knarf soon forgot all about being deep underground. He completely forgot about the rain. All he thought about were the adventures that Blinky was reading aloud. He thought of strange seas and strange lands—of strange birds and strange animals.

It was all so interesting that by and by the bees forgot how busy they should have been, and the mice and the chipmunk completely forgot about scampering up and down the walls. And when at last Blinky finished reading the book they all found that the rain had stopped and the sun had come out again.

It was one of the pleasantest rainy afternoons that Knarf (and all the others) had ever spent. "Please come again, rain or shine," said Blinky.

Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

Jersey Jumper—An Ever-Popular, Becoming Style

JERSEY Jumpers seem to be the best-selling of any type of apparel just now—and why not? They are easy to wear, becoming, good to wear over last season's blouses or sweaters.

To make, they cost very little: 1¾ yds. usually suffices, at an average cost, for no-sag jersey, of only a few dollars per yd. You need one length from shoulder to hem plus 6" for hem and binding.

To Chalk Out: Straighten both ends. Cut two strips off one end straight across tube, each strip 2" wide. These are used for bindings for neck and armholes.

Fold in Half

Fold tube length in half lengthwise and lay so fold is next to you. Measure to right of A ½ neck plus 1" for B. C is ¼ neck above A. D is 5" above C.

Measure ½ armhole plus 2" on folds to right of E for F. Measure ½" to 1" to right of D for G. Draw curves from B to C and F to G. Connect C and G.

To Cut: Cut from F to G for underarms and to G for shoulders. Open out, keeping centre front fold in same position.

Cut from C to B for front neck. Leave back neck straight.

To Make: Join shoulder seams, using a ⅝" seam; press these open. If you wish neck lower in back, cut it down, but only slightly. Fashion is to have it high at neck in back.

Stitch binding on, stitching right side of binding to wrong side of jumper, using a ¼" seam. Stretch binding slightly on curves.

Turn binding in ¼", baste, then stitch it down. Make neat joinings at shoulder seams.

Adjust Waist Fullness

Put jumper on. Tie a string around waist; adjust fullness. If desired, 3 or more rows of elastic sewing thread may be used to hold fullness evenly around waistline. While garment is on, decide depth of hem.

Remove jumper. Stitch bias seam binding to top edge of hem. Then slip-stitch or machine blind-stitch hem to position.

Use a chain, cord, or narrow belt for waistline.

Rupert's Climbing Adventure—34

Everything is so very quiet that both the ladies seem surprised that Rupert peeps into their business at the cave. There is no one to be seen, so he continues to climb up the rope. "Look—he says, "there's the basket—rope, then. Bingo fixed and ready for using. But the boots are gone and Bingo's gone, and the bandits are

Hongkong Defence Force Orders For Coming Week

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Force Headquarters

972. **Depot-Qualification Course Rifle—30 Yds Range.** The following recruits fired this course on Sunday November 26 and achieved the results shown against their names:—Recruits W.V. Sangur-Baker 20 16 19 (53) 1st class shot, A. Kwok 20 17 15 (52) 1st class shot, Djeng Liang Bin 15 19 14 (48) 1st class shot, Hoh Hoo Choi 15 17 15 (47) 1st class shot, San Kwok Cheung 20 19 7 (46) 2nd class shot, Li Hon Wing 20 13 12 (45) 2nd class shot.

973. **Depot-Training Week Ending December 9. Squad A43—Aiming IV,** other points of aim. Miniature range, other points of aim. Squad A46—Aiming II, alteration of sights. Bolt manipulation. Squad A47—PWT. 1. Loading and unloading. Miniature range, introduction shoot. Squad A48—Stripping, assembling, sightsetting, care and cleaning. Squads A49, A50—Lying position and hold. Aiming, range and figure targets.

974. **Depot Training—Range Firing.** The u/m recruits will fire their zeroing practices and Rifle Course Part 1 on Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, December 3. Parade at HQ HKDF at 9.15 a.m. Dress overalls. Squad A44—Recruits E.M. Remedios, A.M. Hassen, M.H. Khan, W.S.Y. Wong, Ip Kwong Lau, H.M. Tavares, A.H. Britto, C. Delgado, W.L. Clarke, A.M. Balali, W. Cheng, Mino Siak Yin, L.R. Chan, P.T. Sum, Ling Sai Tak, Yu Wai Yin. Squad A45—Recruits M. Salter, N. Fung, S.K. Wong, T.A. Ewins, N.M. Bux, R.C. Higgs, E.J. Noronha, Lo Wing Shiu. Squad A42—Recruits J.B. Remedios, H.P. Cruz.

975. **Quartermaster's Stores.** The Stores will be closed for stocktaking between December 1 to 18 inclusive.

976. **Attestation.** The following personnel who have passed their medical examination are asked to attend at Force HQ at the time and on the day stated below:—Wednesday, December 6. At 5 p.m.—R.E. Baptista, J.E. Chan, F.D. Franco, H. Hussain, Iek Cheng, P.J. Kennedy, Lam Yiu, Lee Chih-lim. At 5.15 p.m.—H. Li, A.C.B. Lopes, H.J.D. Lowe, J.D. Mooney, A.M. Nolan, Poon Yau-tak, W.L. Ramsey, H. Schreyer. At 5.30 p.m.—R.B. Stewart, Sun Wai-man, J.G. Taylor, J.H.F. Woods, Wu Chi-siang, C. Xavier, H. Yang, Yee Kwok-sun.

977. **Intelligence Unit—Training.** All members of the Intelligence Unit will parade at HQ H.K.D.F. at 5.30 p.m. on Monday December 6. Programme. Introduction to Exercise "Oracle". Instructor—Major E.N. Thursby, K.S.L.I. It is essential that there should be a full muster at this parade.

The Hongkong Regiment

978. **Congratulatory.** The Commanding Officer wishes to congratulate all the officers and volunteers of the Regiment who attended the recent Annual Training Camp at Sai Kung on the keenness and enthusiasm displayed in carrying out the training and all the other work they were called upon to do. The large numbers who attended camp representing as they did some 90% of the total enlisted strength of the Regiment was most gratifying. The inclement weather which prevailed towards the end of the camp period in no way dampend the spirits or enthusiasm of the volunteers in camp at the time. It is hoped that the successful camp will bring in more recruits.

979. **Duties Week Ending December 9.** Orderly officer of the week—Lieut. G.C. Hamilton. Next for duty—Lieut. A.J.C. Threlfall. Orderly Sergeant of the week—Sgt. G.A. Lemay. Next for duty—Sgt. J. Cheung.

979. **Training Week Ending December 9. "A" Company Tuesday** December 5. Programme 5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. RSM's Drill Parade. 6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. Coy Comd Disposal. Parade 5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. Dress Battle dress, berets, boots, gaiters, belts and frogs, rifle slings. "B" Coy Monday December 4. Programme 5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. RSM's Drill Parade. 6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. Discussion on camp. Parade 5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. Dress Battle dress, berets, boots gaiters, belts and frogs, rifle slings. HQ Company M.G. Platoon Wednesday December 6. Programme as detailed by Pl Comd. Parade 2.20 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. Dress Battle dress, berets, boots gaiters, belts and frogs, rifle slings. Signal Platoon Tuesday December 5. Programme 5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. RSM's Drill Parade. 6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. Signal Classification test. Parade 5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. Dress battle dress, berets, boots, gaiters, belts and frogs, rifle slings. 3" Mortar Pl Friday December 8. Programme as detailed by Pl Comd. Parade 5.30 p.m. Force HQ. Dress clean fatigue, overalls. R.A. Section (Specialist Cadre) Monday December 4. Revision. 5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. Thursday December 7. Advanced and elementary class 5.45 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground.

981. **Courses. M.T. Course**—Wednesday December 6. 5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. Sgt. Halligan N.C.O. i/c. SD's Course—Friday December 8. 5.30 p.m. M.T. Room, Force HQ. MO to arrange instructor.

982. **Force Rifle Meeting.** This meeting will take place at Kai Tak Range on Saturday and Sunday January 20 and 21, 1951. The following events are open to the Hongkong Regiment: — (a) The Cheylesmore Competition—one team per platoon. (b) The China Competition—one team per platoon. (c) The Commando, Cup Competition—volunteers—open to volunteers who attested on or after April 1, 1950 and who passed through the Depot as 'A' Recruits—individual competition. Details of (a) (b) and (c) are same as for last year's meeting. Details of the new competition will be promulgated separately. The attention of all company and platoon commands is directed to Force Order No. 960/50 which gives full details of the allocations of the Peak Range for practicing.

983. **Identity Cards.** Identity cards for the following personnel are ready for collection from the RSM:—D.J. Boyd, W.R.K. Collings, H.A.B. Botelho, K.C. Lam, G.M. da Silva, A.J. de Sousa, T.M.E. de M. Rodrigues, F.J. Law, M.A. Din, K.I. Joelsohn, Yeung Man, D.M. Claasen, A.V.J. Alvares, Wan Hok Nin, J.B. Remedios, Cheung Man Ping, Li Hon Wing, F.K.W. Shek, C.C. Delgado, A.H. Britto, W. Cheng, Leung Chung Yee, Ho Chee Keung, E.J. Noronha, E.M. Remedios, M.A. Salter.

Home Guard

984. **Training—Thursday December 7.** Programme R/T Practice. Parade 5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. Dress, Clean Fatigue (overalls).

H.K. Auxiliary Air Force

985. **Trade Training Week Commencing Wednesday November 29.** Wednesday November 29. Nursing orderlies. Nursing orderlies are to parade at Defence Force HQ at 5.30 p.m. for a lecture by P.O. Ramler. Flying Unit Tradesmen. The following members are to attend for the training at the HKAAF Hangar at 5.45 p.m. Engine Asst—A. Chan, G.F. Remedios, Tu Meng Yun, J.R. Chow, K. Kwan, A.R. Pan, S.S.Y. Wu, Bush. Airframe Asst—Pires, Franco, Ewins, Higgs, Chaves, Leonard. Tech Orderlies—Au Yeung Fat, D.C.W. Yeh, V. Young, J. Hardoon, S. Wong. Safety Equip workers—L.F. Young, F.J. Remedios. Inst. Reps—K. Satyaver, A.M. Omar. Electrician Asst—F.M. Baptista. Wireless Mechanics—C.C. Leung, M. Leung, Shen Yongichu, Newman. Transport will leave Star Ferry Canton Road Kowloon at 5.30 p.m. Thursday November 30, 1950. Nos. 1, 2, 3 (Advanced) Fighter Plotter Courses. Nos. 3 (Elementary) Fighter Plotter Course. Members of these courses are to continue trade training at Air H.Q. Ops room, at 5.30 p.m. Sqn/Ldr. Watt, AFC. will be officer i/c Courses. M.T. Drivers Course. Practical instruction will continue under Sgt. O'Connor. Sgt. O'Connor will pick up personnel at Star Ferry Canton Road Kowloon at 5.30 p.m. Friday, December 1. HKAAF Police Course. Trade training lecture as per syllabus will continue for all members of this course at HQ Defence Force at 5.30 p.m. Monday December 4. Fighter Controllers Course. The following personnel will attend for trade training:—Granville, Renner, Ferris, Croft, Mooney, Lanchester. The lecture will be held at S.L. Berry's office at A.H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. Clerk G.D. Course. Trade training lectures will continue at HQ Defence Force at 5.30 p.m. under Cpl. McTeer. AC. 2 Noronha is to join this course. Tuesday December 5. Radar Watches A & B. Lecture as per syllabus will be given at HQ Defence Force at 5.30 p.m. No. 4 Fighter Plotter Course. Trade training will continue for all members of this course at Air Headquarters Ops Room at 5.30 p.m. ACW. 2 Hong, ACW. 2 Sturgess, ACW. 2 Crosbie are to join this course.

986. **Flying Programme. Wednesday November 29.** Principles of Flight Lecture. The following u/t pilots will attend a principles of flight lecture by Flt. Lt. Rake at Defence Force HQ at 5.30 p.m. Mose, Randall, Britto, McKelvie, Conder, Kwok. Navigation Lecture. The following u/t navigators and pilots are to attend for a lecture by P.O. Tindall, DFM. at 5.30 p.m. at Defence Force HQ. Yu, Zaman, Gomes, Willems, Navigators. Breiling, Smith, Robertson, Strange, u/t pilots. Saturday December 2. The following a/t pilots of B Flight are required at 2.15 p.m. at the HKAAF Hangar:—Wigram, Conder, Smith, Britto, Randall, Robertson, Breiling, Mose, Garcia, Taylor. Transport leaves Star Ferry Canton Road Kowloon at 2 p.m. Sunday December 3. Officer i/c Flying will be Flt. Lt. Gauntlett. The following pilots and u/t pilots and Navigators are required at 8.30 a.m.:—Gauntlett, Proudman, Fraser, Taylor, McKelvie, Kwok Mose, Strange, Smith, Breiling, Gomes, Willems, Yu. Transport leaves Star Ferry Canton Road at 8.15 a.m. The following pilots and u/t pilots and navigators are required at 2 p.m.:—Hicks, Larsen, Salter, Wigram, Zaman, Garcia, McKelvie, Robertson, Strange, Britto, Randall, Conder.

987. **HKAAF Rifle Committee Meeting, Monday December 4.** The following are to attend at Adjutant's office at 5.15 p.m. in order to discuss Team Training for the forthcoming H.K.D.F. Competition:—Championship: — F.O. T.F. Styles, Sgt. Akrill, Spl. McTeer.

988. **Discipline—Dress.** With effect from Wednesday November 29, 1950 blue uniform or civilian clothes will be worn by all officers airmen and airwomen for all lectures and parades.

H.K. Women's Volunteer Forces

989. **Training (Army And Nursing Branch)**—Nursing Section no parade on Monday December 4. Next parade at HQ HKDF Monday December 11. 6 p.m. for transport to D.M.H. Drivers Parade HQ HKDF at 5.30 p.m. Monday December 4. Programme: Maintenance instruction. Instructors as detailed by O.C. S. Coy RASC. Parade HQ HKDF 5.30 p.m. Thursday December 7. and 5.30 p.m. Friday December 8 for driving instruction as detailed to individuals. Clerks no parade.

990. **Stores—Shoes.** The u/m pleased report to QM Stores on December 6, 7 or 9 for special size shoes are now available:—L/CPL. Riddoch, Pte. S. Owen-Hughes, J. Prokopoff, Parker, A.K. Wong, C. da Rota, Den.

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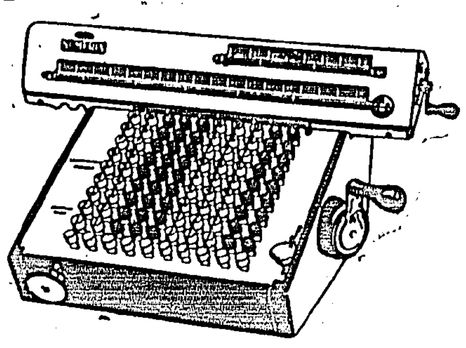

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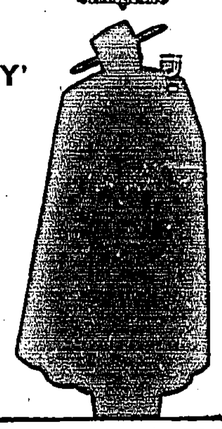

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THE DOWNFALL OF AN EDWARDIAN SPORTSMAN

ROBERT Standish Sievier was an Edwardian sportsman. He was well known on every racecourse and at every sporting gathering from Hurst Park to the National Sporting Club. He would gamble on anything and drink with anybody, and so, not unnaturally, was known among his sporting friends as, "Good old Bob Sievier."

In appearance he was a shade flamboyant; his clothes were rather louder than customary and his language rather more forceful than necessary, but that was all part of his Edwardian character.

He had been good enough to present his admiring sycophants with a short volume containing some details of his boisterous career. He had married a lady of fortune; he had even received an invitation to a Royal function and he had been a member of well-known sporting clubs as far afield as Melbourne, Australia.

He had owned one of the best-known racehorses of his time, a mare named Sceptre. For a short time he had been a book-maker. He was a great patriot. To a Company of Imperial Yeomanry, departing for service in South Africa, he had promised insurance against death or injury, so that each might face the risks of war without anxiety for his dependants.

Greatest pride

But his greatest pride lay in his gambling exploits. There was not a game of skill or chance on which he was not prepared to risk a fortune; even at billiards he had played for stakes of many hundreds of pounds, particularly against a man named Horne, with whom he played one night at Monte Carlo.

But Sievier was also a journalist. He owned and conducted a periodical known as The Winning Post, a peculiar paper which published a series of short biographies entitled "In Glass Houses," which contained details of the life history of well-known personalities.

And, chosen for inclusion in the series, was an article concerning the history of a certain Mr Jack Joel.

Mr Joel was a gentleman who had made a fortune in South Africa, and in whose life there was apparently some incident which he was not particularly anxious to revive. In consequence he requested that the publication should not take place, and in reply he received an assurance that his wishes would be carried out provided Mr Sievier received £5,000.

Not unnaturally, Mr Joel came to the conclusion that such a demand savoured of blackmail, and his view was considerably reinforced when he was informed that if the article did appear a portrait of Mr Joel would also be included with a photograph of a well-known criminal on either side of him.

Amazing results

Mr Joel decided to prosecute Sievier as a blackmailer, and the subsequent proceedings had amazing results. Far from disparaging Sievier, his popularity increased a thousandfold. His friends rallied to his assistance; one, a Mr Topping, subscribed £1,000 towards the cost of his defence.

Sievier indignantly denied that he had ever demanded £5,000, or any sum, and that the whole story was invented by Joel and was nothing but a trick to bring about his ruin.

Sievier's trial took place at the Central Criminal Court, and, brilliantly defended by Rufus Isaacs, he was triumphantly acquitted.

The chief witness for the prosecution, a friend of Sievier's named Mills, was more than half-hearted in his evidence, and the case practically collapsed.

Sievier received an ovation. From the mere position of a popular sportsman, he became almost a national hero. His appearance was greeted with frenzied cries of "Good old Bob," and even his counsel was acclaimed in the universal approbation.

Unfortunately, he was not content to rest on his laurels. Feeling, no doubt, that his position as a critic of rival sportsmen was now assured, he proceeded to launch a new series of attacks, and for his victim he selected Richard Wootton, a racehorse trainer.

No terrors

Wootton was an Australian who had been remarkably successful in Britain. In company with his two sons, Frank and Stanley, who were among the leading jockeys of the day, he practically swept the board, and it was no doubt in consequence of the position all three enjoyed that Robert Sievier thought they would prove likely subjects for attack.

The possibility of an action at law had no terrors for him. No jury could possibly give a verdict otherwise than in his favour.

But Wootton was not the kind of man to submit tamely to attack. Although not possessed of Sievier's gay demeanour, he was a determined person likely to prove a dangerous enemy; moreover, he had known Sievier in Australia, and was aware of many details of his hectic life.

He determined to carry the war into his adversary's camp. With great care and after much investigation, he prepared a short account of Sievier's achievements in the world of sport, and caused the story to be circulated on every racecourse in the country in the form of a small pamphlet.

It described Sievier as a thorough scoundrel, calling him a blackmailer, a cardsharper, and a common thief.

Such a document, if untrue, was too scurrilous to be ignored; every racing man knew its contents, even Sievier's most staunch supporters urged that some reply was necessary if he was to retain his great reputation. Sievier knew it too, and issued a writ for libel, determined to prove once more that an English jury would vindicate an English sportsman.

Sensation

Mr Wootton took a different view. In his defence he pleaded that every allegation in his pamphlet was true.

The action was the sensation of the day. The court of the Lord Chief Justice was thronged with an excited crowd of racing men an hour before Lord Reading took his seat. Sievier must have thought himself to be more than fortunate in having as his judge the man who, as Rufus Isaacs, had been his counsel in the earlier action.

Moreover, there were considerable grounds for Sievier's optimism. Wootton had used plain words, every one of which would have to be proved true.

Indiscretions and peccadilloes would be insufficient to justify the libels. 'Cardsharper," "thief," and "blackmailer" were strong words. Would it be possible to satisfy any jury that the verdict given at the Central Criminal Court in the Joel case had been wrong?

Sievier's appearance at the Royal Courts of Justice was almost a repetition of his earlier triumph. As he drove gaily to the courts he was escorted by a cheering crowd; cries of "Good old Bob" greeted him both outside and inside the court, and the police had the greatest difficulty in keeping the vociferous enthusiasm within the bounds of decency.

Bright smile

With a bright smile on his face, and a gorgeous carnation in his buttonhole, "Good old Bob" looked the *beau ideal* of an English sportsman against whom any allegation of dishonesty was unthinkable.

He needed no counsel to represent him this time. Completely confident, he had decided to conduct his case himself; a simple-hearted sportsman would be able to appeal to a jury as no advocate could hope to do. Moreover, he considered himself mentally superior to any member of the Bar.

His appearance in the witness box was everything his most enthusiastic supporters could have wished. Gay, debonair, he was disarming in his frankness. "I do not profess to be a saint," he said, "I am a gambler. I have been a gambler all my life. Like all good sportsmen I have had my ups and downs. I have owned the best horses in the world. Also the worst.

"I am known on every racecourse, and I gladly offer my character to the investigation of anyone who dares to question it. First and last I am an English sportsman, and so I would be judged."

One could almost hear the jury answer: "Good old Bob." Robert Sievier was not going to be an easy man to cross-examine. Finesse would be a waste of time; good humour would be an error. Direct methods would be required.

"Not that I remember."

"Did you ever insure one single soldier for a penny piece?"

"No."

By this time any claim that Sievier may have had to be regarded as a good sportsman, or, indeed, an honourable member of society, had almost disappeared. But he was quite clever enough to know that the strongest ground upon which he could take his stand had not yet been touched.

"I have been acquitted at the Central Criminal Court," he said. "Compared with that fact, there is nothing else that matters. You have called me a blackmailer. And that you can never prove."

In vain

I told him we were going to try.

In vain Sievier appealed to the Lord Chief Justice for protection; in vain he raised the plea that as he had been acquitted at the Central Criminal Court, no one should be allowed again to maintain the truth of a charge upon which he had been found Not Guilty.

Sternly he was reminded that this time the issue was being tried in a libel case before a Civil Court, and if the defendants desired to take upon themselves the risk of reopening the matter, they were entitled so to do, whatever might be the chance of success or failure.

And nobody knew better than the Lord Chief Justice how difficult that task would be. The whole issue must depend on the story to be told by the man Mills. In the past he had proved to be Sievier's greatest asset at his trial. Nobody had ever questioned his integrity, and he was undoubtedly Sievier's friend.

A change

I had not been present at the hearing of the criminal trial and was, therefore, untrammelled by a recollection of the sentiments which then prevailed.

But on this occasion the atmosphere was very different. At the Central Criminal Court the crowded building was with Sievier to a man. No inquiry had been made into his past adventures, and throughout the trial he remained, as he had been before it started, the object of popular admiration and regard.

This time there was a change. The jury had learned something of Sievier's past.

Sievier finally admitted, under cross-examination, that he had made some attacks upon Jack Joel, and that he had received £5,000 from his friend Mills, but he indignantly denied that the money had been paid as blackmail. It had been nothing but a friendly loan between two friends.

Mills had said that before, and would say it again, and Sievier challenged us to put his old friend into the witness box to deny it. In his indignation at finding his innocence being questioned once again, Robert Sievier seemed to regain that air of confidence, indeed arrogance, which for the past few hours had slightly languished.

It was under these conditions that Mills entered the witness box. From the outset it was obvious that he was a most unwilling witness, and above all was anxious to say no word to injure his old friend Robert Sievier.

With difficulty I obtained the information that he knew of the attacks by Sievier against Joel, and further, that he himself had handed to Sievier a cheque for £5,000; but beyond that he would not go. And as it was not within my rights to cross-examine him, indeed I should not have been allowed to do so, I was obliged to leave the matter there.

But to Sievier, when his turn came to ask the questions, Mills was far more accommodating; indeed, he was prepared to accept any suggestion that was made to him; it was true, he said, that no question or thought of blackmail ever arose; indeed Sievier had flatly refused to take any money whatever from Jack Joel; as for the £5,000, it was nothing but a friendly loan to Sievier from himself.

If Mills had been a wholly unbiased witness that story might have been accepted, but his partiality was too apparent to be easily dismissed. The necessity for a few further questions by way of re-examination appeared to be indicated.

Latitude

They had to be framed with some care, as there is a limit to the latitude allowed to counsel re-examining his own witness, but Mr Mills was asked to give some further details of this strange transaction. He did so—with obvious regret.

"Had Sievier shown you any photographs to be incorporated with the proposed article on Joel?"

"He had."

"Who did the photographs represent?"

"Two well-known criminals."

"Where were they to be placed?"

"One on each side of a picture of Joel himself."

"What for?"

Mr Mills began to be confused. "I do not know."

"How could the publication be prevented?"

"If Mr Joel paid £5,000."

"Did Mr Joel hand you £5,000?"

"Yes."

"What did you do with the money?"

"I handed it to Mr Sievier."

"And was the publication stopped?"

"It was."

No avail

Once again Sievier raised his protest, but it was of no avail. The story had come out at last.

In no protracted trial is it possible to know the points which to the jury appear to be of most importance. It may have been the evidence of Mr Mills. I do not know.

But there was one particular admission made by Robert Sievier which was so disgraceful that it may well have turned the scales against him, and disclosed him to the jury as a man without a shred of decent feeling.

When his friend Mr Topping came to the rescue of Robert Sievier with the loan of £1,000 towards the expenses of defending the criminal charge

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THE CASE-BOOK OF SIR PATRICK HASTINGS, KC

—CHAPTER FOUR—

He faced me with a smile of good-natured amusement.

"You know that Mr Wootton has said you are a blackmailer and a thief?"

"Oh, yes."

"I am going to suggest that you are in every way a scoundrel and that your racing career should be ended once and for all."

For a moment Mr Sievier seemed slightly disconcerted. So it was going to be hard fighting!

"For any particular reason?"

"Many. Let us take one. Supposing an English sportsman played a game of billiards with a friend at a time when the friend was so drunk that he could not hold a cue, would it be a gross fraud to win large sums of money on such a game?"

There could be only one answer to such a question: "Yes."

"Do you know a man named Horne?" I asked.

Once again Sievier was his jovial self.

"I knew him well," he said. "There were two of them; two brothers. One was known as 'Hunting' Horne, and one as 'Drinking' Horne. When 'Hunting' Horne went hunting he generally fell off."

Last laugh

Sievier's friends laughed loudly, and he joined in their laughter, but it was the last time he was to laugh that day. The description of "Drinking" Horne was perhaps unfortunate. It was in "Drinking" Horne that I was interested. He was the man who lost large sums at billiards when he played with Robert Sievier one night in Monte Carlo.

"Did Horne pay his loss that night by cheque?"

"He did."

"If Horne was, in fact, so drunk as not to know what he was doing, it would be essential that he should pay his debt that night before he became sober?"

"Ridiculous!"

"Who signed the cheque?"

"Horne."

"Who wrote out the body of the cheque?"

"I did."

"Was that because Horne was so drunk that he could not write it out himself?"

This Sievier indignantly denied. He also denied that at the conclusion of the evening the floor was littered with uncompleted cheques all in Sievier's handwriting, and with attempted signatures by Horne so undecipherable as to be worthless. It was so easy to make denials in the absence of Horne himself. But there were some final questions which required a good deal more explanation.

"The next morning did Horne repudiate the cheque?"

"He did."

"Was that on the ground that he had been too drunk to know what he had signed?"

"It may have been."

"And, in consequence of what had occurred, that night, did the British Consul at Monte Carlo direct you to leave the Principality and not come back?"

For that there could be no satisfactory explanation. Insensibly the whole atmosphere in court began to change. Was Sievier quite the honest sportsman he had seemed?

It is difficult to over-estimate the effect of atmosphere at any trial in which a man's character is the matter of chief moment. It is electric, and seems to come from the back benches, and to grow in volume, until it can be read on the faces of the jury.

It was so in Sievier's case. Even the carnation in his buttonhole appeared to droop, and the sweat began to glisten on his face.

But that was only the beginning. There were so many things to ask him; so many episodes throughout his life that seemed amusing when recorded by himself, but became less favourable when produced in court. One by one he was taken through them all.

Money gone

When he married, his wife was a rich woman. When she separated from him some time later, she was penniless. Where had the money gone? Apparently he had used his wife's fortune for the purpose of his business as a bookmaker, which he had started under the name of a cousin and Punch Sievier.

The money had all gone and Sievier owed even more. He had tried to avoid liability by alleging that he was a mere manager for his cousin, and, when that failed, he had escaped by pleading the Gaming Act—the one course of conduct which racing men do not forgive.

He had been bankrupt more than once. His proud boast that he was once a member of the Melbourne Club became less impressive when it was learned that he had been expelled.

His invitation to appear at Court lost most of its social value when the jury were informed that the invitation had been withdrawn.

And, even ouside his racing world, his conduct had been contemptible. He had proudly boasted of his generosity to the Company of Yeomanry which had sailed to the South African War. He was asked about that. It was quite true that he had promised an insurance to anybody who did not return, and some did not return.

"It is possible that in some cases their dependants may have asked me to redeem my promise," he said.

"Did any one of them ever receive a penny?"

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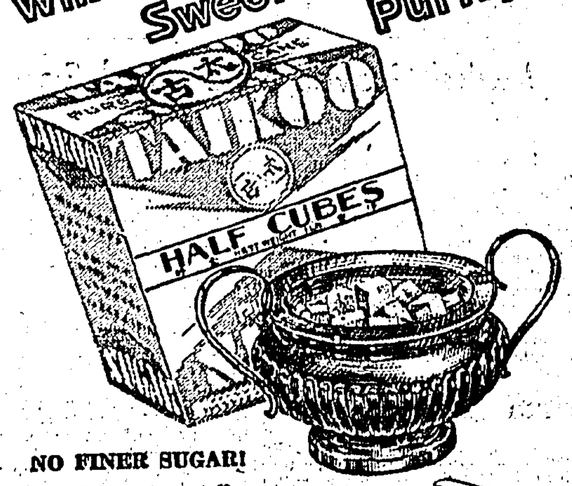

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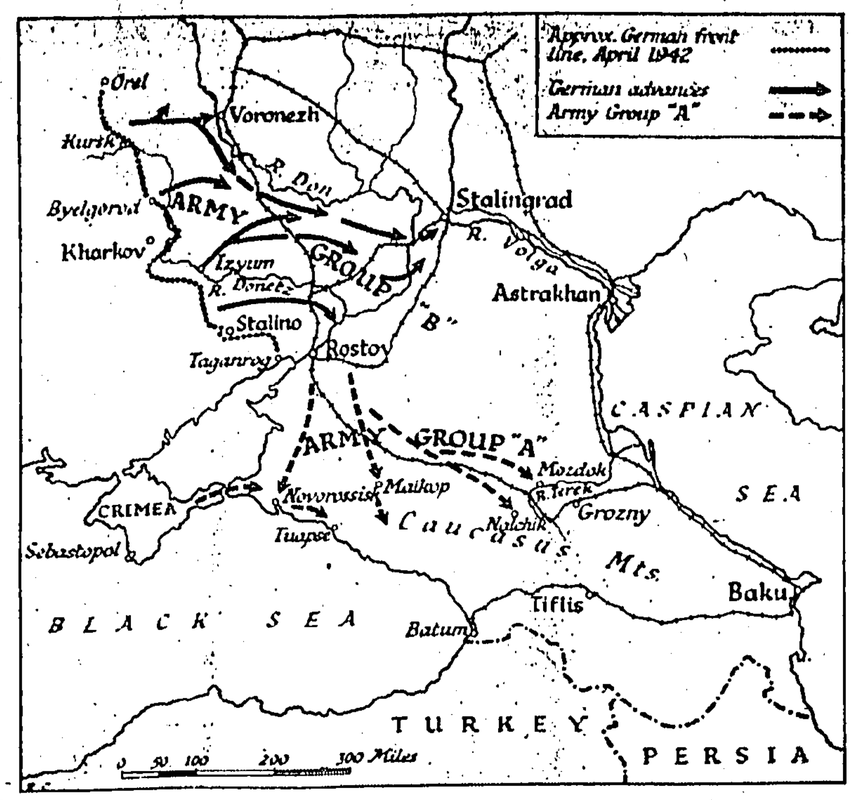

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STALIN PLAYS HOST AT MIDNIGHT PARTY

By Wimston Churchill

ON the evening of August 14 we attended the official dinner at the Kremlin, where about 40 people, including several of the military commanders, members of Politburo, and other high officials were present. Stalin and Molotov did the honours in cordial fashion. These dinners were lengthy, and from the beginning many toasts were proposed and responded to in very short speeches.

Silly tales have been told of how these Soviet dinners became drinking-bouts. There is no truth whatever in this. The Marshal and his colleagues invariably drank their toasts from tiny glasses, taking only a sip on each occasion. I had been well brought up.

During the dinner Stalin talked to me in lively fashion through the interpreter Pavlov. "Some years ago," he said, "we had a visit from Mr George Bernard Shaw and Lady Astor." Lady Astor suggested that Mr Lloyd George should be invited to visit Moscow, to which Stalin had replied: "Why should we ask him? He was the head of the intervention." On this Lady Astor said: "That is not true. It was Churchill who misled him."

"Anyhow," said Stalin, "Lloyd George was head of the Government and belonged to the Left. He was responsible, and we like a downright enemy better than a pretending friend." "Well, Churchill is finished finally," said Lady Astor. "I am not so sure," Stalin had answered. "If a great crisis comes the English people might turn to the old warhorse."

In the past

At this point I interrupted, saying: "There is much in what she said. I was very active in the intervention, and I do not wish you to think otherwise."

He smiled amicably, so I said: "Have you forgiven me?"

"Premier Stalin, he say," said interpreter Pavlov, "all that is in the past and the past belongs

speech proposing the "Intelligence Service," in the course of which he made a curious reference to the Dardanelles in 1915, saying that the British had won and the Germans and Turks were already retreating, but we did not know because the intelligence was faulty. This picture, though inaccurate, was evidently meant to be complimentary to me.

I left about 1.30 a.m. as I was afraid we should be drawn into a lengthy film and was fatigued. When I said goodbye to Stalin he said that any differences that existed were only of method. I said we would try to remove even those differences by deeds. After a cordial handshake I then took my departure, and got some way down the crowded room, but he hurried after me and accompanied me an immense distance through corridors and staircases to the front door, where we again shook hands....

Flaming front

I had been offended by many things which had been said at our conferences. I made every allowance for the strain under which the Soviet leaders lay, with their vast front flaming and bleeding along nearly 2,000 miles, and the Germans but 50 miles from Moscow and advancing towards the Caspian Sea.

The technical military discussions had not gone well. Our generals had asked all sorts of questions to which their Soviet colleagues were not authorised to give answers. The only Soviet demand was for "A Second Front now." In the end Brooke was rather blunt, and the military conference came to a somewhat abrupt conclusion.

We were to start at dawn on the 16th. On the evening before I went at seven o'clock to say goodbye to Stalin. We had a useful and important talk. I asked particularly whether he would be able to hold the Caucasus mountain passes, and also prevent the Germans reaching the Caspian, taking the oilfields round Baku, with all that meant, and then driving southwards through Turkey or Persia.

He spread out the map and then said with quiet confidence: "We shall stop them. They will not cross the mountains." He added: "There are rumours that the Turks will attack us in Turkestan. If they do I shall be able to deal with them as well." I said there was no danger of this. The Turks meant to keep out, and would certainly not quarrel with England.

Family life

Our hours' conversation drew to its close and I got up to say goodbye. Stalin seemed suddenly embarrassed and said in a more cordial tone than he had yet used with me: "You are leaving at daybreak. Why should we not go to my house and have some drinks?" I said that I was in principle always in favour of such a policy.

So he led the way through many passages and rooms till we came out into a still roadway within the Kremlin, and in a couple of hundred yards gained the apartment where he lived. He showed me his own rooms, which were of moderate size, simple, dignified and four in number—dining room, working room, bedroom and a large bathroom.

Presently there appeared, first a very aged housekeeper and later a handsome red-haired girl, who kissed her father dutifully. He looked at me with a twinkle in his eye as if, so I thought, to convey: "You see, even we Bolsheviks have family life."

Stalin's daughter started laying the table, and in a short time the housekeeper appeared with a few dishes. Meanwhile Stalin had been uncorking various bottles, which began to make an imposing array. Then he said: "Why should we not have Molotov? He is worrying about the communique. We could settle it here. There is one thing about Molotov—he can drink."

I then realised that there was to be a dinner. I had planned to dine at State Villa No. 7, where Gen. Anders, the Polish commander, was awaiting me, but I told my new and excellent interpreter, Major Birse, to telephone that I should not be back till after midnight.

Presently Molotov arrived. We sat down and, with the two interpreters, were five in number. Major Birse had lived 20 years in Moscow and got on very well with the Marshal, with whom he for some time kept up a running conversation, in which I could not share.

We actually sat at this table from 8.30 p.m. till 2.30 the next morning, which, with my previous interview, made a total of more than seven hours. The dinner was evidently improvised on the spur of the moment, but gradually more and more food arrived. We pecked and picked, as seemed to be the Russian fashion, at a long succession of choice dishes, and sipped a variety of excellent wines. Molotov assumed his most affable manner, and Stalin, to make things go, chaffed him unmercifully.

Presently we talked about the convoys to Russia. This led him to make a rough and rude remark about the almost total destruction of the Arctic convoy in June. I have recounted this incident in its place. I did not know so much about it then as I do now.

"Mr Stalin asks," said Pavlov, with some hesitation, "has the British Navy no sense of glory?" I answered. "You must take it from me that what was done was right. I really do know a lot about the Navy and seawar."

"Meaning," said Stalin, "that I know nothing." "Russia is a land animal," I said; "the British sea animals." He fell silent and recovered his good-humour.

Molotov's trip

I turned the talk on to Molotov. "Was the Marshal aware that his Foreign Secretary on his recent visit to Washington had said he was determined to pay a visit to New York entirely by himself, and that the delay in his return was not due to any defect in the aeroplane, but because he was off on his own?"

Although almost anything can be said in fun at a Russian dinner, Molotov looked rather serious at this. But Stalin's face lit with merriment as he said: "It was not to New York he went. He went to Chicago, where the other gangsters live."

Relations having thus been entirely restored, the talk ran on. I opened the question of a British landing in Norway with Russian support, and explained how, if we could take the North Cape in the winter and destroy the Germans there, the path of the convoys would henceforth be open. This idea was always, as has been seen, one of my favourite plans. Stalin seemed much attracted by it, and, after talking of ways and means, we agreed we must do it if possible.

It was now past midnight, and Cadogan had not appeared with the draft of the communique.

"Tell me," I asked, "have the stresses of this war been as bad to you personally as carrying through the policy of the Collective Farms?" This subject immediately aroused the Marshal. "Oh, no," he said "the Collective Farm policy was a terrible struggle."

"I thought you would have found it bad," said I, "because you were not dealing with a few score thousands of aristocrats or big landowners, but with millions of small men."

"Ten millions," he said, holding up his hands. "It was fearful. Four years it lasted. It was absolutely necessary for Russia, if we were to avoid periodic famines, to plough the land with tractors. We must mechanise our agriculture. When we gave tractors to the peasants they were all spoiled in a few months. Only Collective Farms with workshops could handle tractors. We took the greatest trouble to explain it to the peasants. It was no use arguing with them. After you have said all you can to a peasant he says he must go home and consult his wife, and he must consult his herder." This last was a new expression to me in this connection.

Food supply

"After he has talked it over with them he always answers that he does not want the Collective Farm and he would rather do without the tractors."

"These were what you call Kulaks?"

"Yes," he said, but he did not repeat the word. After a pause: "It was all very bad and difficult—but necessary."

"What happened?" I asked.

"Oh, well," he said, "many of them agreed to come in with us. Some of them were given land of their own to cultivate in the province of Tomsk or farther north, but the great bulk were very unpopular and were wiped out by their labourers."

There was a considerable pause. Then: "Not only have we vastly increased the food supply, but we have improved the quality of the grain beyond all measure. All kinds of grain used to be grown. Now no one is allowed to sow any but the standard Soviet grain from one end of our country to the other. If they do they are severely dealt with. This means another large increase in the food supply."

I record as they come back to me these memories and the strong impression I sustained at the moment of millions of men and women being blotted out or displaced for ever. A generation would no doubt come to whom their miseries were unknown, but it would be sure of having more to eat and bless Stalin's name.

I did not repeat Burke's dictum: "If I cannot have reform without injustice, I will not have reform." With the World War going on all round us it seemed vain to moralise aloud.

Departure

About 1 a.m. Cadogan arrived with the draft and we set to work to put it into final form. A considerable sucking-pig was brought to the table. Hitherto Stalin had only tasted the dishes, but now it was half-past one in the morning and around his usual dinner hour. He invited Cadogan to join him in the conflict, and when my friend excused himself our host fell upon the victim single-handed.

After this had been achieved he went abruptly into the next room to receive the reports from all sectors of the front, which were delivered to him from 2 a.m. onwards. It was about 20 minutes before he returned and by that time we had the communique agreed. Finally, at 2.30 a.m., I said I must go.

I had half an hour to drive to the villa and as long to drive back to the airport. I had a splitting headache, which for me was very unusual. I still had Gen. Anders to see. I begged Molotov not to come and see me off at dawn, for he was clearly tired out. He looked at me reproachfully, as if to say: "Do you really think I would fail to be there?"

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(MORE TOMORROW)

SPORTSMAN'S DOWNFALL

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against him, Mr Topping might well have expected never-ending gratitude. His expectations would have been disappointed.

Before he could request repayment of his loan, Mr Topping died, and it fell to his dependants to make the claim on his behalf. Sievier repudiated any liability, and a writ had to be issued against him to enforce repayment of the debt, and thereupon Sievier adopted a course which stamped him once and for all as a man beneath contempt.

He swore in an affidavit that the £1,000 had never been a debt; that it was money owing to Mr Topping as the result of a bet made by Mr Sievier on the racecourse, and that, as such, it was a wagering transaction to which the Gaming Acts applied, and that Sievier could, and would, rely on these Acts to avoid the necessity for payment.

Faced by that affidavit, Sievier had no possible reply. And it may well have been the end. Could any words of Mr Wootton have been too strong in which to describe a man who could be guilty of such conduct towards his dead friend?

In vain Sievier appealed passionately to an impassive jury; in vain he sought to remind them that he had been already acquitted of the gravest charge now made against him; in vain he sought to brush aside the less important incidents in his career.

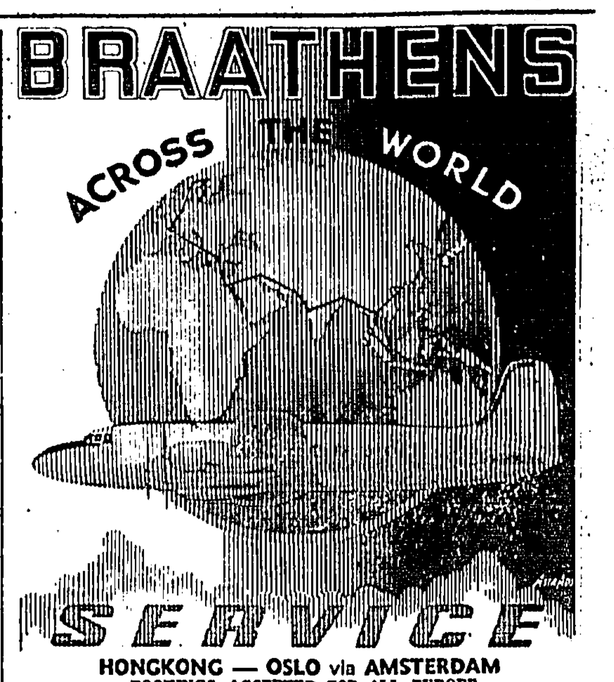
The jury had heard enough to satisfy them that the allegations made by Mr Wootton were true. They found by their verdict that Robert Sievier was a blackmailer, a liar and a rogue.

Even the onlookers, who had listened so attentively throughout the trial, appeared to know it, too. The same crowd which had cheered Sievier so enthusiastically two days before with cries of "Good old Bob," now carried Wootton shoulder high into the Strand.

The glory of Robert Sievier had departed, and he left the precincts of the court by the back door.

Many an honest sportsman was overjoyed at the complete exposure of Sievier, sportsmen who did not regard sport merely as another name for winning money.

A well-known racing man was congratulating me upon the result of the trial. "You seem to have known a good deal about Bob Sievier," he said. "But there was one thing you did not know. Sievier is the only man in England who has ever been [illegible]



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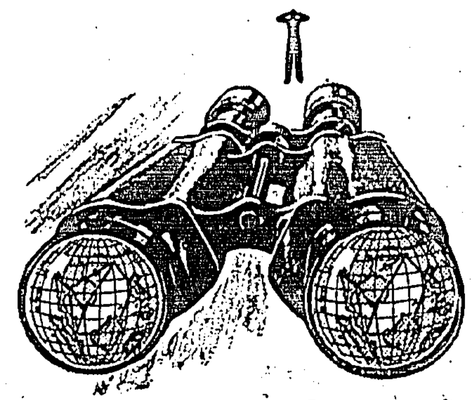

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Bucks-Herrett Fight Was The Best Of Nine

By 'PAPERWEIGHT'

Three knockouts, two of them in the opening seconds, and a points decision for Ramsey Bucks, the local lightweight, were the highlights of last night's nine-bout programme of Charity boxing in aid of the Earl Haig Fund.

A disappointing feature, however, was the surprisingly small attendance on so worthy an occasion, despite the excellent work of the organising committee.

The Hongkong Women's Defence Force were there in their attractive uniforms to do duty with the programmes. There was good music by the Band of the Middlesex Regiment, and if a few more of our civilian population had turned out to fill up the more than half empty seats, a deserving cause would have received its due and a manly sport much needed support.

TOP OF THE BILL

Billed as the main attraction of the evening, the four-round encounter between Ramsey Bucks, Hongkong's unbeaten lightweight and P.O. Herrett of HMS Theseus was undoubtedly the best of the evening. A sound defence and a vast superiority in close-fighting earned Bucks an unanimous points decision. The China Mail scorecard shows the first round going to Herrett on a slight margin and the other three rounds to Bucks.

Herrett took the initiative at the sound of the gong, leading with left jabs to Bucks' head.

Bucks was content to let Herrett do the leading in this round, cleverly taking most of the jabs on his gloves and sizing up his opponent.

Round No 2 saw Bucks going into action as he waded in close and in the first exchange of blows he shook Herrett with a telling right hook to the jaw.

A follow-up sizzling right upper-cut by Bucks went short by just a few inches. The round ended with Herrett slightly shaken and panting a little.

Bucks pressed home his superiority in in-fighting in the third round, scoring with short lefts and rights.

In the fourth round he sent Herrett down on his knees for a count of six with a straight right to the jaw, and had him groggy from then on, but could not knock out a game opponent.

MUCH IMPROVED

In the main supporting three-round bout of the evening, a much improved Afouline Chung gave a good account of himself against a seasoned campaigner in W.O. 11 Charlton, losing by a narrow points margin.

Chung had the advantage of a better reach and faster footwork, but when forced into close quarters could not stop Charlton's straight lefts and rights. The first two rounds were about even, but the third went to Charlton as time and again he got a clean left to Chung's jaw.

The only other civilian boxer of the night, SI Reynolds came to grief in the first five seconds of his fight. Pitted against Sgt. Deadman of the 1st Wiltshire Regiment, there was little he could do against the Champion of the British Army on the Rhine, who packs dynamite in every left and right.

At the sound of the gong, a straight left caught Reynolds well on the chin, sending him down on his knees for a short count. Soon another series of lefts and rights shook him up. After a slight breather, Deadman came back with his one-two of a straight left and a right hook to put Reynolds out for the full count.

THE SHORTEST

The shortest fight of the evening was that between Gunner Kirk of 27th HAA and Cpl Itris of RAF, lasting only about a second. Itris walked out directly into the path of a straight right and wobbled on his feet. He got up, walked again into a series of lefts and rights and that was the end.

Toughness won the day for CSM Fitzsimmonds. Conceding about eight inches in height, but having the build of an all-in wrestler, Fitzsimmonds calmly soaked in punches to the head until his opponent, Nookes of RAF, was exhausted with the ineffectiveness of his punches.

Towards the end of the third round, Fitzsimmonds landed a solid right to Nookes' temple and sent him to the canvas, though well behind on points at that stage.

Tennis Interport Postponed

The Interport Tennis match between Hongkong and Saigon may not take place on December 9 and 10 as originally fixed.

Owing to the lateness of the confirmation by the Saigon team, the Hongkong Tennis Association feel that they are given very little time to make the necessary arrangements, and have cabled to Saigon to postpone this Interport to a later date in 1951.

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THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN SQUAD HAS ARRIVED

BY "RECORDER"

The Djurgardens IF have arrived here for a series of three matches against Hongkong. They represent a little island in the centre of Stockholm that used to be a game preserve for Swedish royalty and later became a zoological garden.

None of the members of the team were born or bred on the island and they have little to do with the present setup. As far as they are concerned, the polar bears on the island may be amusing but they are not worth a penguin in filial devotion.

The Zoo lads have just completed a six-match series in Rangoon and Saigon and have come out with a record which reads:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
6	6	—	—	21	4	12

A centre-forward named Jeppson scored nine of these goals and he managed the hat trick both against Rangoon and Saigon. He speaks English and can give his own account of how he did it.

However, as things stand, he is much too bored with all this success. Football tours don't give the tourists — always keen to see the world—little more than a good close-up of what foreign airports and football fields look like.

The Djurgardens boys have gone as far as eating exotic foods. They have eaten as Burmese, Vietnamese and Chinese are supposed to do and it has given them indigestion. They wonder how the Eastern world survives on this diet and have discovered that they have been eating delicacies that the everyday citizen of these parts only permits to trample with his stomach lining on such odd occasions as weddings and wakes.

EXCITEMENT

The biggest piece of excitements that the Swedish football team have seen to date is a long delay at Rangoon. As they were all set to take off for Saigon, a plane crashed on the runway at Rangoon and they were held up 24 hours.

By the time they arrived at Saigon there were about two hours to go to their first match and they drove straight on to the field and the game.

They left Sweden considerably excited over everything that might conceivably happen. Unfortunately, they missed Bangkok. Had they landed there, it is not improbable that a member of the team might have been held up by the Siamese (Thai) Customs.

ELUSIVE MONARCH

The man in question is the reserve centre-forward, Hans Stilius, who looks the dead image of Rex Harrison as the King of Siam whom Anna taught how to write letters to President Abraham Lincoln. "Anna and the King" was one of the most popular films to hit Siam in years and anyone who looks like Harrison would get a royal welcome. Stilius definitely does.

He was a last minute selection for the team, replacing a promising ski-jumper. He might have been on the team earlier except that Bangkok was considered a possible stop en route and the Djurgardens people, having enough trouble at home explaining that they had nothing to do with the Stockholm Zoo, decided that further complications with a pseudo-monarch in their midst could be rather tiresome.

The Djurgardens team here is complete with the President of the Club, Mr Hans Garpe, a team manager, Mr Birger Sandberg, known as "Daddy" because at 32 he looks like a family man with all the cares of so many pairs of boots of different sizes on his shoulders, and a cashier, Mr Arne Malmgren, who is older and confines his worries to the Club's cash.

WELSH SWEDE

There is also with the team Mr David J. Astley, formerly of Charlton, Aston Villa, Derby County (with Eric Keen) and Blackpool. He is a Welsh international of those palmy Welsh days when England lost three times. He trains the team.

Finally, very much in evidence, there is Mr Wolf Lyberg, who brought Halsinborg out last year and promises to bring them out again next year. Apparently, though the Halsinborg lads found Hongkong smaller than Halsinborg, they still think that this is a nice little place to look up now and again.

One of the last things the Djurgardens boys did before leaving Stockholm was to have a dinner with the Halsinborg team when the famous film, series of Halsinborg v. Hongkong was screened. Expanded on the screen to the size of a towering genie was our own Mr Lee Wai-tong. Hence, there can be little surprise that he was easily recognised.

Our only famed footballer has Swedish affiliations. He has been to both Stockholm and Gothenburg and is connected with the Swedish Trading Company.

NO CHANCE FOR MR LEE

Yet, it is not necessary for Mr Lee to converse with the Djurgardens players in Swedish. The whole team is English-speaking as a result of a special course in the language they took prior to making a trip to the United States in 1948 where they played nine matches, won all nine and had a goal average of 91 for and 12 against.

Djurgardens best performance against an English team was their 3-1 victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers at Stockholm two years ago.

The Club have been Swedish Champions five times and have appeared in 12 cup finals.

Their home in Stockholm is the Olympic Stadium, built in 1912, which seats 22,000 spectators. They hold the record for the biggest crowd ever drawn to a match in Swedish League football. They helped to draw 39,023 paying spectators.

The Club was founded in 1891.

Will they beat Hongkong? The answer to that one is that they have beaten Halsinborg 3-0.

Swedes Flock To See This 'Kinisen'

Hilmer Pettersson, 25, one of a family of soccer-playing brothers who had their schooling in soccer at St. Francis Xavier's College in Shanghai, went to Sweden two years ago for his National Service.

HILMER

In his unit in the Army there was just one other English-speaker. He was the officer directly in command of Hilmer's company. Hilmer did his soldiering in halting Swedish.

By the time he had spent six months on his home soil he learnt the language. "It was easier than I thought," he says.

While in the Army he had some training sessions with the famous AIK team. He was discovered by Djurgardens' Welsh trainer.

He has had only one season in first class Swedish football, but has hit the sports pages all over the country as the "Kinisen" (the "Chinese").

Chinese are as rare in Sweden as Lapps are here and a Chinese Swede was a sensation. Hilmer modestly attributes to this fact his very sudden climb to fame.

ON THE RECORD

The Most Dangerous Head In The North Of Europe

This column was always under the impression that the most dangerous head in the north of Europe was that of Joseph Stalin. Wrong again. Credit for that in one of the most interesting collections of pen sketches ever to come our way is given to a Swedish tennis player, Hans Jeppson, centre-forward of the Djurgardens IF, who on Saturday should start on the first of three soccer trouncings they are to give Hongkong.

The collection of Swedish athletes brought out here by Mr Wolf Lyberg isn't limited to soccer players. Starting with Hans Jeppson, who is also quaintly described as "a specialist in cheating and other spectacular tricks" and is one of Sweden's 15 best tennis players, the Djurgardens team also includes at least one star sprinter, one of Sweden's best skijumpers, who has jumped 250 feet, and an ice hockey star.

Our Football Association could have arranged their visit to coincide with our winter sports season, but as things are the best we can have from them is their football. We will have to wait for the Amateur Athletic Federation of Hongkong to get really going.

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Tennuci and his lads, Mr Lyberg informs us, are up against a long elegant goalkeeper with an excellent grip on the ball (Ove Nilsson) and a specialist on dives on shots from short distance (Kjel Cronqvist).

The fullbacks are a man with excellent headwork who never gives up (Ingvar Pettersson), a specialist on hard marking and blotting out dangerous wingers (Arne Blomqvist).

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The half-back line includes the blondest player ever seen in the East (Bernt Ivgren), who is known as "Blackie". He is "very fast moving, covering big space and very difficult to beat in the air." Also a useful type (Birger Stenman) who "can do anything he likes with the ball and does it." Though almost bald and rather ancient-looking, Mr Lyberg assures us, he has a mighty cannon shot from about 30 metres. A footnote informs us that he is 25 years of age.

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Then there is Hilmer Pettersson, outside-right, who hails from Shanghai and is, therefore, called "The Chinese." He is extremely fast and quick, Mr Lyberg informs us, "plays with the inside of his head and has a bombshot in both feet."

Finally, there is Hans Andersson, who does not write fairy tales for a living but is an insurance employee. He is a specialist in exploring the weak points in the opposition's defence.

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The forwards include tennis-playing Hans Jeppson, who played for Sweden in the World Soccer Cup Tournament at Rio and was the star of the match against Italy. He is the man with "the most dangerous head in Northern Europe" and is the team's centre-forward.

Nils Cederborg, inside-left, is one of the smallest insides in Sweden. He is only 5 feet 5 inches tall. He is also described as one of the most talented.

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The outside-left, Stig Nystrom, was once an excellent sprinter. He has done the 100 metres dash in 10.9 seconds. He is known as "The Dangerous Moon." Other facts about him: "His rushing down to the line, finished with perfect passes, are from the schoolbook. Has a mighty shoot, Capped 12 times and has never lost an international match."

His substitute, Karl-Erik Jonsson, is a specialist in good cornerkicks. Lars Andersson, an inside-forward, is passed over as "a hard-working giant with a terrible shot from long distance."

Other members of the team are Stig Andersson, half-back, Arne Larsson, full and half-back, Gosta Cederholm, full-back, and Hans Stilius, inside-forward.

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If the whole Djurgardens team was wrecked intact on a desert island, they have among them the headmaster of a public school, a cashier, a Government Financial Department employee, a former professional footballer, two airlines employees, a master baker, a machine worker, three mechanics, a depot worker, an insurance man, an engineer, a policeman, a metal worker, and a saddler.

—"RECORDER"

OPTIMISTS' XI

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GOLF By HENRY LONGHURST

Softening The Blow

The annual inquests on why the Americans beat us at golf are now over, and the coroners have retired to their winter quarters. I am induced to resurrect the topic only by some sagacious comments by that long experienced observer, Bob Harlow, who in the golden days was Walter Hagen's manager.

Noting from this country a verdict embodying our old friends' "will-to-win . . . killer-approach . . courage, determination and concentration," he comes handsomely to our defence. We have just as much courage, determination and concentration as the Americans, he says. The answer lies simply in statistics. There aren't enough of us.

IN SHORT SUPPLY

Harlow compares the case of Notre Dame annihilating universities like Amherst or Williams at football. "It isn't that Amherst and Williams players have less courage, etc., etc. What they lack is a multitude of good players to choose from. Their coaches run out of players of Notre Dame quality before they can count three." And we run out of golfers of American quality when we have counted Ronnie White.

A continuous flow of young American players springs from four national junior tournaments. Harlow reckons to name a dozen youths under 21 who can play to par (say six strokes below our bogey) or better.

He suggests that possibly a British Empire team might be the answer — though I take leave, for various reasons, to doubt this. He concludes, with kindly philosophy, "When the first U.S. pro. team went to Scotland more than 25 years ago, it was soundly whipped. Time changes everything."

Whether these contents with America should continue is a desire on both sides to safeguard the character of golf, and these expeditions year by year give a nucleus of distinguished golfers in each country an appreciation of what goes on in the other.

Secondly, I hope sentence will be suspended till after next year's Walker Cup at Birkdale, where I have a sneaking suspicion that we might bring something out of the bag. This is based on the knowledge that our indefatigable selectors, already hard at work, are believers in "horses for courses" and are determined not to take the field with polished lightweights for what, round 7,000 yards with 1,200 additional yards between green and tee and probably a high wind, will be essentially a heavyweight contest.

TIME FOR BOLDNESS

What we want is some good, bold "bashers," fellows who hit the ball hard and far and are blessed with something of the gay cavalier spirit of the late Dale Bourn, who, on hitting his ball into the rough, expected to find it tee-ed up and, more often than not did.

Such players exist in Britain, and we need only three or four to fill the team. Little suspecting their chance, they may not be too reliable at the moment, but a discreet hint of glory to come, plus an hour or two with Fred Robson, could turn them into the required article.

"Time changes everything." Maybe it will even bring back the Walker Cup to England.

Date For Societies' Lawn Bowls Game

The postponed lawn bowls game between St. Andrew's Society and the Society of St. George will be played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday, December 9, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Any member who was selected for the game on November 25 and is now unable to play is requested to notify either Mr. McKelvie or Mr Meyer (preferably by chit) as soon as possible.

KCC Tennis League

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Black Socks v White Socks.

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Purple Socks—Mrs M. Pepperell (Captain), Miss M. McNeil, M. H.A.C. Hill, N. Broadbridge, A. White, L. Lequeux, R. Bulldeat, L.G. Cousins.

White Socks—Miss M. Fish (Captain), Miss N. Lamert, Bak, Mrs A.J. Whitney, G. Wild, C. Tiernan, Lieut. Col. R. Black, Rotewell, R.N. Manley, C. Ing, Mrs Cockell, F.W. Cockell.

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SEVEN ENTRIES FOR SOFTBALL'S MIDGET LEAGUE

By 'GRANDSTAND'

At a meeting of the General Council of the Hongkong Softball Association held on Monday night, it was revealed that seven entries to the Midget League were made, and it was decided that the Opening Day would be Saturday, December 9, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

With the present congestion at King's Park in the middle of the season, it is understood that these games will be played off on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, and the League will comprise two rounds.

Teams are admitted free of charge but an Affiliation Fee of $1 per team is levied, and each player registered will be required to pay a fee of 50 cents. Players are limited to 15 years of age and 5' 2" in height, and games will be conducted on a smaller diamond with 60-feet baselines and a pitching distance of 35 feet.

THE SEVEN

Entries received through their managers were as follows: Blackhawks (Rene Sequeira), Black Arrows (Alan McGrann), Lions (C. Cowles), Jaguars (Lionel Sequeira), Dodgers (Fred Diesta), Delawares (Tony Kwok) and St. Joseph's (Rev. Bro. Crohan).

The tardiness of teams appearing on the field of play came up for discussion at the Council meeting. During recent weeks several teams failed to show up at the scheduled time, with the result that the last game of the day finished in darkness, and, on one occasion, play had to be abandoned after only two innings.

In future any team failing to field a complete side of nine players is liable to lose the game by forfeit, and it is understood that umpires have been instructed to adhere strictly to the 15 minutes grace permitted for lateness.

It was also confirmed at the meeting that the final playoff in both the Senior and Junior leagues will be among the four top teams in each league, that is, two from each section. As a result of players' enquiries, it was decided to hold the International Series on public holidays during the season, with the first round of the knockout contest slated for Boxing Day.

Managers of last year's team have been circulated with the request that they convene meetings and elect a representative of their particular nation. Representatives last year were:—Portugal (C.A. Figueiredo), Great Britain (Jock Brown), China (Y.C. Mei), Pakistan (G. M. Butt), Philippine Islands (F. Diesta) and USA (F.X. Cleary).

Before the meeting concluded, a letter received from the Junior League Spartans was read, requesting the Association to accept their resignation from the league.

As the missive did not give sufficient reasons for the late withdrawal, it was decided to postpone a decision on the subject, until further satisfactory causes are stated.

RESIGNING SOVEREIGNS

News has just been received that the Clearwater Bombers of Florida are the new kings of softball, earning the crown the hard way by defeating the 1949 champion Toronto Tip Tops in a 1-0 final showdown, while the sensational bid by the Phoenix Ramblers of Arizona for the third consecutive women's title was squelched by the California Lionettes in a 3-1 decision settled in the fifteenth inning of play.

Two changes in the game's rules were recommended by the International Joint Rules Committee, both of which apply to pitchers. The current rule specifies that the ball be held in front of the body prior to pitching but the amendment requires the ball to be held by both hands before delivery.

To prevent pitchers from continuing their windup after pitching the ball, and thus distract batters, it will now be illegal for pitchers to do so after releasing the ball.

WEEK-END FIXTURES

The full week-end programme with umpires and scorers is:

SATURDAY

Junior League

2.00 p.m.—St. Teresa's v. Falcons (R. Barretto, R. Silva; Scorer Frankie Barnes); Vikings v. Dodgers (E. Loureiro, M. Nunes; Scorer Fred Diesta)

Ladies' League

3.30 p.m.—Pirates v. White Fangs (Gerald Pomeroy, F. Abraham, R. Heng; Scorer R. Nunes).

SUNDAY

Senior League

11.00 a.m.—St. Joseph's v. Madcaps (Fred Ewins, Wally Ma, Ray Tsao; Scorer Samet Sarny).

2.00 p.m.—Overseas v. Americans (Buster Hollands; Ren Sequeira, Ed. Marques; E. Loureiro).

3.30 p.m.—South China v. Jaguars (Don Robbins, Tony Kwok, G. Gallop; Scorer Hal Wingiee).

Junior League

9.30 a.m.—Pandas v. Dragons (Doc Molthen, R. Souza; Scorer Roberto Nunes) Rexes v. Wildfires (Don Robbins, Tony Silva; Scorer Ren Barretto).

12.30 p.m.—Delawares v. Griffins (Blm Ablong, Hal Wingiee; Scorer Irene Botelho).

Ladies' League

12.30 p.m.—Clovers v. Squaws. (Les Castro, Sherry Bucks; Scorer Wanda Rodrigues).

Team managers are reminded that this schedule will be strictly adhered to, and any team not prepared to play after 15 minutes' grace is liable to lose the game by forfeit as laid down in the Bye-Laws of the Association.

HOW THEY STAND

MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE

Blues

	Won	Lost	Pctg
Braves	4	0	1.000
Overseas	4	1	.800
Canadians	4	2	.667
Pandas	4	2	.667
Americans	2	4	.333
Reds	1	4	.200
Dodgers	0	6	.000

Golds

Jaguars	6	0	1.000
South China	4	1	.800
Madcaps	3	1	.750
St. Joseph's	3	2	.600
St. Teresa's	2	4	.333
Panthers	1	5	.167
Baseballers	0	6	.000

MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE

Blues

Blackhawks	7	0	1.000
St. Teresa's	5	2	.714
Delawares	5	2	.714
Griffins	3	3	.500
Aces	3	3	.500
Mustangs	1	5	.167
South China	1	5	.167
Falcons	0	6	.143

Golds

Rexes	6	0	1.000
Dragons	5	1	.833
Wildfires	3	2	.600
Vikings	4	3	.571
Dodgers	1	4	.200
Spartans	1	5	.167
Pandas	1	5	.167

LADIES' LEAGUE

Wahoos	6	0	1.000
St. Teresa's	6	1	.857
Canadians	3	2	.600
Squaws	3	3	.500
Clovers	2	4	.333
Pirates	1	5	.167
White Fangs	0	6	.000

Glamorgan & Adelaide Move To Brighten Up Cricket

London, Nov. 29.

Cricketers are lacking in incentive in the opinion of many in Britain who see this famous old British sport on the down-grade.

Whether that be true or not, either in respect of the question of incentive or the quality of the play, none can deny that it is incentive which helps to keep all sportsmen on their toes.

Cricket officials on both sides of the world can be said to be appreciative of this fact as may be shown by the action taken in Britain and Australia.

Next summer the men of Glamorgan have been promised a share in the profits made by their county club. In Adelaide, in order to promote brighter play in minor cricket, teams will be credited with points for runs scored and wickets taken.

In making their announcement, the Glamorgan County Club made it clear that those who contributed most to the club's financial success would receive a correspondingly larger share of the profits.

The Australian share is to add to the ordinary match points awarded special points for every run scored and wicket taken. There are many in Britain who would like to see a similar scheme adopted in the County Championship.

Professional football players in Britain read about the Glamorgan scheme with considerable interest and envy. Most of them have felt for a long time that they ought to participate in the profits of their club, a view which is shared by many others besides the players.

BETTER PLAN

Indeed, it would probably be a much better plan for the player to get a certain percentage of the profits each year than a larger flat weekly wage which is being generally claimed.

That the big names in soccer deserve considerably more than they get is the view of nearly everyone connected with the sport. The difficulty has been to formulate a scheme which would be fair to all concerned.

A share of the profits would be a way out but whether it would be possible to allot these on a sliding scale is another matter. This would cause considerable jealousy and it should not be forgotten that the goalkeeper might really be the man who had scored the winning goal.

He might well have indicated the scoring movement.—Reuter.

16 Challengers Likely For Thomas Cup

London, Nov. 29.

India has already officially entered her challenge for the Thomas Cup, badminton's equivalent to the Davis Cup of tennis, and so leads the way for those countries who will fight next year for the honour of playing the holders of the Cup, Malaya, in the spring of 1952.

The latest form suggests that India should have little trouble in winning the new Pacific Zone finals, where other contestants are expected to be the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand, but hopes of her appearing as ultimate challenger to Malaya are not so sanguine.

Although no definite assurances regarding the ultimate list of competitors in the new three Zones (the former Pacific Zone has been divided to avoid excessive travelling in the early ties) have as yet been received, experts think that the United States and Denmark will join India as Zone visitors.

LIKELY FINALISTS

The United States is expected to defeat Canada in her Zone and Denmark should resist any challenge to her winning again the European Zone which is expected to provide, as usual, the most matches.

Entries for the European Zone are definitely expected from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, France, Norway and Sweden to challenge Denmark, and there is possibility that the list will be augmented by teams entered by Belgium and South Africa.

Entries for the Pacific Zone close on January 1 next, while the closing date for the American and European Zones is June 15.

India, in the latest contest for the International Badminton Championship, played in the American Zone and was defeated by Canada at Toronto by seven matches to two.

Malaya defeated Denmark to take the Cup in 1949, and has already been established as the "favourite" for the new series.

Wong Peng-soon, the Malayan No. 1, won the English Championship Singles last year, and is expected to lead his country again.—Reuter.

Scottish League Beats English At Ibrox Park

Glasgow, Nov. 29.

The Scottish League gained their first inter-league victory over the English Football League since 1938 by winning 1-0 at Ibrox Park, Glasgow today.

The winning goal came after two minutes of the second half when Gamond's centre was quickly flighted into the net by McPhail.

The game was undistinguished and the crowd of 75,000 found satisfaction in the Scottish victory but in nothing else. There were few moments above the ordinary.

As a guide to the England-Scotland international match in April, the game was of little value, particularly as the greasy conditions were so different from those likely to be encountered at Wembley Stadium.—Reuter.

Last Night's Badminton

In the Men's Double's "B" Division Badminton matches played last night St Teresa's beat St John's by 6-3 while Chung Wah beat Kowloon Tong by 5-4.

Detailed results are as follows: Gonsalves and Motta (St Teresa's) beat F. Kwok and S. Brown 21-10, beat R. Thompson and F.W. Darkin 21-11, beat D. Kwok and R. Maynard 21-14.

Sequeira and Vieira (St Teresa's) lost to F. Kwok and S. Brown 16-21, lost to R. Thompson and F.W. Darkin 22-23, beat D. Kwok and R. Maynard 21-10.

Koh and Brown (St Teresa's) lost to F. Kwok and S. Brown 16-21, beat R. Thompson and F.W. Darkin 21-19, beat D. Kwok and R. Maynard 21-11.

C.S. Kiu and K.Y. Tso (Chung Wah) beat Gordon Lam and C.C. Wen 21-5, beat S.C. Chan and M.C. Hung 21-8, beat R.L. Pan and T.Y. Tsui 21-19.

K.F. Chiu and Austin Ho (Chung Wah) lost to G. Lam and C.C. Wen 7-21, lost to S. C Chan and M.C. Hung 10-21, beat R.L. Pan and T.Y. Tsui 21-16.

K.C. Wong and Leo Leong (Chung Wah) lost to G. Lam and C.L. Wen 11-21, lost to S.C. Chan and M.C. Hung 11-21, beat R.L. Pan and T.Y. Tsui 21-16.

Bewildering Task For MCC Selectors

By BRUCE HARRIS

Brisbane, Nov. 29.

There is now a strong likelihood that Douglas Wright, who has been laid up with fibrositis ever since the match against New South Wales the week before last, will be fit to play in the First Test Match on Friday.

An announcement today says that the doctor has reported Wright to be very much better and advises practice, after which experience a definite decision will be possible.

This is good news, for the MCC bowling, more than the batting, has been giving rise to anxiety.

Not until tomorrow will the five-man Selection Committee comprising Brown, Compton, Washbrook, Hutton and Evans face their bewildering task and even then the announcement may include 12 names.

The job is unenviable, not because of any embarrassment of riches, but embarrassment of poverty.

If, for example, enough of the MCC batsmen were in form, the place of Brown as Captain might well be in jeopardy, but there is no point in leaving him out for, as a moderate performer, because I see no reason to depart from my previous forecast that the MCC team will be Brown, Compton, Bailey, Bedser, Close, Dewes, Evans, Hutton, Simpson, Washbrook and Wright.

Not that I think Close, a lucky batsman, is worth his place on his performances on tour up to date, despite his century at Perth, but rivals have done no better and Close would be more than useful with his off-breaks on a sticky wicket.

AUTOMATIC CHOICE

After his century yesterday, Dewes becomes an automatic choice.

Our first five batsmen become Hutton, Washbrook, Simpson, Compton and Dewes and there cannot be room for Parkhouse or Sheppard.

Parkhouse has not played in first class fixtures since October 20 and Sheppard is still unwell to-day.

I believe Close will be quite [illegible] has been unable to practice, but even a Wright with no practice is better than no Wright at all, for he is our most dangerous bowler.

Current gossip here is that selectors may decide to play Warr instead of Bedser. I can hardly credit it, for in the match just concluded against Queensland, Bedser showed, for the first time in Australia, his real form. The Surrey man is much steadier and in inspired moments the more dangerous of the two. To drop him would be sheer folly.

Looking again at the team I tip, we have five front rank batsmen and five others—Brown, Close, Bailey, Evans and Bedser—of whom surely we ought to be able to count on two for some runs. At the tail end, we have Wright.

We have two opening bowlers of quality, Bailey and Bedser. We also have Wright and Brown as leg spinners and Close and Compton as changes.

This team may not win the Test Match, but I feel it is more likely to do so than any other Eleven at our disposal.

I should like to know how much the selectors have agreed

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JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

MOVE TO SET UP NEW MEDICAL STUDENTS' BODY

A move to set up a new international medical student organisation of a non-political and non-sectarian character was approved in principle at the annual general meeting of the British Medical Students' Association in Manchester. The conference was attended by 65 delegates representing 12,000 medical students.

The new organisation was first suggested at a conference in Holland during the summer, when the British delegation was asked to draw up a form of constitution as a basis for discussion.

The main aims of the proposed body are to organise international student clinical conferences, to provide facilities for the exchange of medical students between different countries, and to act as liaison between medical students and world organisations such as Unesco and the World Health Organisation.

Mr P. L. C. Diggory, of London, president of the British Medical Students' Association, told the meeting that he attended the congress of the International Union of Students at Prague in August to ask if the draft constitution could be made a basis of co-operation between medical students of all countries.

HIGHLY POLITICAL

He was allowed to bring the matter before the medical faculty meeting at the end of the congress. "It was a highly political congress," he said, "very much directed against the Western Powers. Because the proposal was described as 'non-political' it was said to be an attempt to split the students for the aims of the reactionary forces, and the idea was completely rejected."

It was stated that a further conference was to be held in Holland next year and that nine European countries were favourably disposed to the project. They were Great Britain, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Western Germany, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, while five others — South Africa, Australia, Canada, Italy, and France — were also interested.

Mr Diggory afterwards told a reporter that the new organisation would not be confined to Western countries, but that the door was open for Eastern European students to come in on a non-political basis. A resolution was carried instructing the executive to continue negotiations with all medical student organisations, including those in the I.U.S., with the aim of setting up the proposed organisation.

TUBERCULOSIS

In the annual report reference was made to a proposed rehabilitation centre for students recovering from tuberculosis. It was stated that although reliable statistics were not available a survey was being made, and it had been estimated that the incidence of T.B. among medical students was five times as great as in other sections of the community.

A philanthropic institution—which was not named—had agreed to purchase premises, which would be used by both medical and other students, and the object of the scheme, which would be run in conjunction with London University, would be to enable students to continue their studies while recovering from the disease. A similar scheme was in operation in France.

Professor G. Jefferson was invited to become president of the association for the year 1950-1.

MATTERHORN RAILWAY STARTS ROW

Matterhorn — the peak which has always been a challenge to the faith, courage and tenacity of Alpine climbers—may become accessible to any tourist with the money for a train fare.

Italian business men plan to reach its 14,000 ft. summit with a railway.

Twice before a similar project has been launched.

In 1906 the scheme was quashed by Edward Whymper (who in 1865 was the first man to reach the summit) and his friends. They obtained 90,000 protest signatures.

THE THIRD ATTEMPT

In 1936 work was started on a railway. It was abandoned as too expensive.

Now a third attempt may be made.

Already British members of the Swiss Alpine Club and the British Mountaineering Council are preparing to do battle against what they consider a "sacrilege."

Major Norman Brett-James, of Mill Hill, N.W., a veteran climber, who supported Whymper in 1906, said:

"I'm too old to fight now—but I count on the younger generation of mountain enthusiasts to make as much fuss about the railway project as we did."

But the representative of a tourist agency said:

"Mountaineers have had Matterhorn to themselves for too long."

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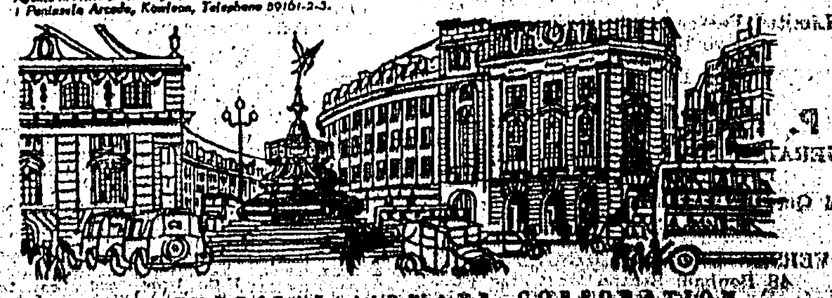


BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION

· BY · THE · WAY ·

by Beachcomber

ONE of the first duties of the proposed Ministry of Sport would be to have an enormous new building erected and to take over various hotels and private houses for extra staff. Then local and regional Boards would be established all over England, with Committees to organise every game.

At the same time a kind of British Sports Council, with plenty of the taxpayers' money at its disposal, would send out teams to lecture Corsica on football, Greenland on cricket, Switzerland on golf, and so on. Special Leisure Police would have to patrol remote country districts, to ensure that only holders of licences were playing. They would have right of entry without warrant into any house suspected of harbouring a non-licensed player. If, after all this, San Salvador still beat us at basket-ball, a public outcry might succeed in getting the unpopular Minister transferred to a better Cabinet job.

Mrs McGurgle's American

MR CHADSTONE, the librarian, was walking along the promenade yesterday, when one of the inspectors who had been to Marine House recognised him. "Good morning," said the inspector. "Hiya, toots," replied Mr Chadstone. "Enjoying your holiday?" asked the inspector. "Me and who else?" said the librarian. "You Britishers am sure got sump'n." The inspector suggested a drink, and they went into a bar. "Stick 'em up!" cried Mr Chadstone. "Er—set 'em up, I mean." "What's yours?" said the inspector. "Iced woddah—straight." "What else do you drink at home?" asked the inspector. "Borbon and rye highballs," said Mr Chadstone. "It's hard liquor, palzywalzy." The barman having borrowed a bit of ice from the fish-shop next door, the librarian sipped his drink appreciatively. When they came out the inspector said, "I've just got to get some aspirin for my wife." "There's a chemist's shop just over there," said Mr Chadstone. The inspector stared at him. "You're picking up English quickly," he said. "Eh?" said Mr Chadstone, on his guard. "I thought you all said 'drug store,'" explained the inspector. "Aw, gee," retorted Mr Chadstone uncomfortably.

One must suffer to be ugly

OF a woman known as the "High Priestess of Beauty" (and also as "a restless human dynamo") I read that, after a lunch party, she once made 12 ladies stand on their heads against a wall. Mme. Zaphroma, Empress of Diet and Complexion Moguless, says that if they had chewed radishes while they were standing on their heads they would have eliminated all possibility of pimples. Mme. Zaphroma, though over 60, can still roll twice round a room with an empty bucket over her head.

DUMB-BELLS

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Joe Should Learn To Count The Cards

BY OSWALD JACOBY

"NICELY played," said Hard Luck Joe.

"Thanks," said Larceny Lou.

"Why don't you stop?" asked East irritably. "You steal the eye teeth out of our heads and then you have the gall to thank us for it."

Joe looked bewildered, and Lou looked the other way. Lou had swindled Joe so neatly that he still didn't know what had happened.

Hard Luck Joe, holding the West cards, opened the king of hearts. Larceny Lou won with dummy's ace and cashed the ace and king of spades, hoping to drop the queen. When it became apparent that West had a trump trick, Lou cashed three rounds of clubs and ruffed dummy's remaining heart in his own hand. He then gave up the trump trick to Joe's queen.

Joe looked anxiously at the dummy and saw that a heart return would give Lou a chance to ruff in dummy and discard from his own hand. Joe therefore returned the jack of diamonds.

	(DEALER) ♠ 10 9 7 3 ♥ A 5 ♦ K 9 6 4 ♣ K J 8	31
♠ Q 8 4 ♥ K Q J 8 ♦ 4 ♣ J 5 ♣ 7 6 2	N W E S	♠ 5 ♥ 10 9 7 6 ♦ 3 ♣ Q 8 7 ♣ 10 9 4 3
	♠ A K J 6 2 ♥ 2 ♦ A 10 3 2 ♣ A Q 5	

Both vul.

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♥ K

This was just what Lou had been hoping for. He had made up his mind to play the diamond honours to be split. He therefore won in dummy with the king of diamonds and returned a diamond, finessing the ten from his own hand. This finesse held, and the ace of diamonds dropped the queen. The rest of the tricks were therefore easy.

Joe was correct as far as he went. It was perfectly true that he would give declarer a ruff and sluff by returning a heart. However, this would not allow Lou to make the contract since Lou would still have a losing diamond in each hand.

It should have been easy for Joe to count the hand out. He knew that declarer had started with five trumps and one heart. The club situation was also quite clear since East carefully discarded the 13th club on the trump trick that was given to West.

This made it obvious that Lou had four diamonds in his own hand as well as four diamonds in dummy. One discard from either hand could not help declarer very much. Joe should therefore have returned a third round of hearts.

YOUR BIRTHDAY .... By STELLA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

IF you are born today, your perceptions are alert and quick. You learn easily and are highly adaptable in any type of situation. Don't permit this versatility to keep you from having a purpose in life. If you do, you may have to be content with pleasant mediocrity rather than the outstanding success which rightfully should be yours. The stars have given you talents. Use them well.

You have a ready wit and a gift for the written and spoken word. You would make a fine lecturer or a good writer of light satire. Your capabilities might easily be adapted to the stage, screen or radio.

Nothing suits you better than continual change and constant activity. You will always find something to keep you busy. Parents of children born on this day should manage to keep their progeny interested in some definite activity or they are apt to become mischievous. As adults, you are sincere and faithful in your attachments. You are the type to invite confidence and you can hold them inviolate. You will be happiest if wed at an early age, for your love of home and family is strong. You may like to travel, but you will want to take the whole family along!

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Don't carry all the burden yourself. Let others help you. You can reciprocate another time!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Discuss your future plans with someone who is really interested. Consider advice carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Use tact with superiors on the job. Don't attempt to overstep your authority.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Gain prestige by mastery of a difficult job. You can do it alone if necessary.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—No matter how trying people are, hold your temper. Domestic problems are now more easily solved.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Those in authority may ask for co-operation. You can do it without undue personal hardship.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Avoid gossip and don't exaggerate. Avoid reckless actions. Be optimistic and show enthusiasm.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Alert attention and fast thinking in an emergency can avoid mistakes. Expect the unexpected!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—No matter what happens, relax! Don't go out looking for trouble, either. Maintain optimism.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Slow and steady will win today's race. To hurry is to make an error in judgement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Get your accounts in good order. Don't overextend your credit. Pay outstanding obligations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Colour in your wardrobe can prove an exciting life to the spirits. Buy something new.

BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

SOCIETY Woman Robbed in Her Home—headline. What a strange place for her to be.

• • •

An Indiana grandmother of 87 cooked dinner for 42 relatives. How old must you be to earn a rest?

If the ways of more wives were mended so would more socks be.

• • •

Some political machines get stuck in the mud they sling.

• • •

Highways play havoc with cross-country trucks, complains a trucking company. That about ovens things up.

POCKET CARTOON

Check Your Knowledge

1. Are Puerto Ricans citizens of the United States?

2. Is Nirvana heaven or hell?

3. The South Seas is the familiar name for what part of what ocean?

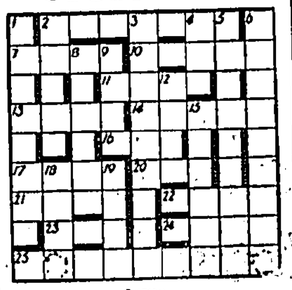
4. From what is strychnine obtained?

5. Is Bermuda part of the West Indies?

6. Name three breeds of dogs that are named for parts of the British Isles.

(Answers on Page 13)

Crossword



Across

2. Everyone agrees there's no time like this (7)
7. Is it wise to include this in stuffing? (4) 10. Headwear. (5)
11. You won't get a thin of your favourite paper for a day or two (4)
13. In bygone days more than one wife enjoyed the festive season here. (4)
14. Where you may get a ring from (5)
15. Dower nut no medico (3)
17. The last word. (4)
20. Home law extracts show fear. (3)
21. It hails comings and goings. (4)
22. Intended for one voice supporter by instruments. (4)
23. Vulgarity nothing (3)
24. If you're tempted to have one over the eight remember this answer (4)
25. Nothing to do with the afternoon meal: just one of nannies nursery worries. (3)

Down

1. Mistletoe invites you to. (3)
2. Many a one will be thrown over the next few days. (5)
3. To the Navy it ends a duty, to others it suggests perfect timing. (9)
4. The photo may not include you but this is in the negative. (3)
5. Even the soldiers won't object to this tomorrow. (9)
6. More like a headwear tomorrow than 10 Across. (3, 4)
8. Sort of cheese you may see tomorrow (6)
9. The word after 17 Across. (4)
12. Exclamation of the chip lover. (4) 16. Fairy with a robe on. (5)
18. If you've enjoyed this puzzle the pleasure's ——. (4)
19. Ten in ten backwards. She nearest you'll get anyway (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle across: 7, Dover; 8, Sweets; 9, Sale; 10, Ale; 11, Ado; 12, Ale; 13, Ale; 14, Ale; 15, Ale; 16, Ale; 17, Ale; 18, Ale; 19, Ale; 20, Ale; 21, Ale; 22, Ale; 23, Ale; 24, Ale; 25, Ale.

Down: 1, Ale; 2, Ale; 3, Ale; 4, Ale; 5, Ale; 6, Ale; 7, Ale; 8, Ale; 9, Ale; 10, Ale; 11, Ale; 12, Ale; 13, Ale; 14, Ale; 15, Ale; 16, Ale; 17, Ale; 18, Ale; 19, Ale; 20, Ale; 21, Ale; 22, Ale; 23, Ale; 24, Ale; 25, Ale.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

GRYPHONS

By T. O. HARE

"WHAT about a Rugger Test?" I am asked. Here is rather a nice one.

Four teams which play in our neighbourhood are the Dauntless Dragons, the Doomful Scorpions, the Greedy Gryphons, and the Cynical Centaurs. Last season they were organised as a miniature league, each playing one game against each of the others. Two "match points" were awarded for a win, and one for a tie.

At Rugger, five points are scored for a converted goal, a try scores three points, so does a dropped goal or a penalty goal. (Actually only one dropped goal was scored in this contest by Bertie Stormer of the Gryphons in their critical match against the Centaurs.)

Points scored, and match points gained, were:

	Points Scored	Match Points
Dragons	11	3
Scorpions	11	1
Gryphons	11	1
Centaurs	11	3

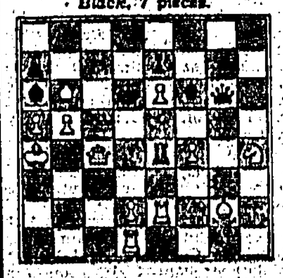
The results of the games played were all different.

How did the Gryphons fare against the Scorpions?

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. HOCHBERGER

Black, 7 pieces.



White, 12 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt—Kt7, threat 2 B×B

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"BOISSEVAIN"	18th Jan. '51	7th Mar. '51

● JAPAN

	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TJIKAMPEK"	5th Dec.	
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London Shares Slump

London, Nov. 29.

The stock markets collapsed at the opening on Wednesday under the threat of war. British Government stocks fell more than £1 and Japanese bonds slumped by as much as £5, while leading oil shares lost four percent of their value.

Industrial shares showed some resistance, but then they also gave away under the strain. Rubber, tin, copper and gold shares joined the downward rush. —United Press.

Losses On Wall St. Cut Down

New York, Nov. 29.

The stock market closed at the crest of a long, slow rally today.

Sharp early losses were either cut down or converted into modest gains. Changes either way were small.

There was nothing in the day's news to relieve the pessimism created by the powerful offensive by the Chinese Communists in North Korea.

Business hit a sizzling clip when liquidation was most urgent but slowed during the come-back. Turnover for the full session approached 2,000,000 shares.

Lower most of the time were General Motors, Goodrich, Montgomery Ward, Motorola, Consolidated Natural Gas, Phelps Dodge Copper, Dow Chemical, Du Pont, General Electric, Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Texas Company and Johns Manville.

Missouri Pacific preferred showed independent strength as it did yesterday. At one time the stock rose around US$1.

Chrysler also did better than average, trading either unchanged or inching forward.

Others eventually getting back on firm ground included Wheeling Steel, Studebaker, Woolworth, Philco, American Can and Union Pacific.

About US$2,500,000,000 was knocked off the market value of all stocks listed on the exchange in the two days. More to the point, however, was the fact that the financial district was shaken out of the complacent mood which had been generated by news of an all-out UN offensive aimed at a quick end to the Korean war.

Optimism that a quick Korean victory might take the heat off the rearmament programme quickly gave way to the view that the defence effort will be intensified, if anything, and that a stiff tax bill is virtually assured.

Dow Jones Averages:

20 Industrials	226.42
15 Rails	67.90
10 Utilities	39.62

—Associated Press.

Pepper Price Firms Up

New York, Nov. 29.

Black pepper futures closed today inactive and nominally unchanged. Although business was not heavy in the spot market, dealers reported that the price was firmer, based on liberal inquiries and higher cables from India. The worsening world situation also contributed to the firmness.

Prices closed today as follows:—

December	1.70 nominal
January (1951)	1.42 "
February	1.39 "
March	1.34 "

—United Press.

Jap Issues Down In New York

New York, Nov. 29.

Foreign dollar bonds fell again today with Japanese issues taking some of the biggest slides. Great Consolidated Power Sevens dropped 2⅜ to 47½.

Oriental Development Sixes were down 2¾ to 42. Shinyetsu Electric 6½s added 2½ points at 47½.—Associated Press.

Metals In New York

New York, Nov. 29.

Prices in the metal market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:—

Tin, Grade A (99.80 per cent or higher),

New York, per lb. 149.00—Associated Press.

Company Dividend

New York, Nov. 29.

Pacific Tin Consolidated Corporation today declared a dividend of 20 cents, on the common stock, payable December 19, record December 11. This will bring the 1950 total to 40 cents.

RUBBER PRICE MAKES RECORD DAILY GAIN

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 29.

Rubber is again more than five shillings a lb. in London. Today's rise of sevenpence a lb. was the biggest ever recorded in one day—and unless there is a sudden turn for the better in the Korean situation the price will probably continue to climb.

Today's advance in price to 5/1d followed a spurt of 30 cents in Singapore.

The market was nominal and not many buyers came forward to transact business at the new price.

The news from Korea hung like a pall over the Stock Exchange. Biggest slump was in Japanese bonds. At one time prices dropped as much as seven points but later losses had been reduced to around five points.

Most gilt-edged prices were marked down and there were losses in all other sections of the market. The list of latest available prices this afternoon shows that nearly all shares quoted registered losses ranging from 6d to 12/6d. There is not a single "plus" sign in the list. Rubber shares were among the first to slump.

SINGAPORE CHAOS

Singapore, Nov. 29.

The price of rubber made a record-breaking spurt on Wednesday following reports of United States planes bombing Manchuria one hour before the close. Business offering was at 198 cents a pound, with no sellers. This 26-cent jump over Tuesday's closing was the biggest increase in a single day in the history of the Singapore market. The market was in virtual chaos, pending denial of the Manchurian bombing.

Prices in the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb November	203-204
December	196-199
January (1951)	192-193
Number 2 rubber, November	197-198
Number 3 rubber, November	191-192
Number 4 rubber, November	184-185
Spot rubber, unbaled	204-206
Black crepe	165-169
No. 4 pale crepe	206-213

—United Press.

NEW YORK ADVANCE

New York, Nov. 29.

Crude rubber No. 1 futures closed 300 to 600 higher, sales 38 contracts.

December	70.00 bid
March (1951)	59.50
May	54.00
July	51.00

Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 75 nominal.—Associated Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Nov. 29.

Prices in the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:—

No. 1 rubber (in cents per lb.)	63 -65
January	63½-63
January/March	61¾-62⅛
April/June	54⅝-55⅛
July/September	50½-51⅛
October/December	47 nom.

—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

There was a small turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning, transactions being valued at only $34,816. The morning's business and noon closing prices were as follow:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank			5 @ 1300
East Asia			25 @ 110
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav.			3000 @ 72½ cts.
DOCKS, ETC.			
K Wharf		91	
Dock	14		
Wheelock	24		500 @ 24
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	7.70		
UTILITIES			
Tram		13½	
Star Ferry		81	
C. Light (O)	13 XD		500 @ 13
C. Light (N)		9 XD	
Electric		23½	
Telephone	10½	11½	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy		14	500 @ 13½ 66 @ 13½
Watson		23½	

Copper Use Cut In America

Washington, Nov. 29.

The National Production Authority today ordered a 15 percent cut in civilian use of copper effective January 1.

The purpose is to conserve supplies for military use and the defence stockpile.

The copper order will curtail supplies for a wide variety of brass and copper-using industries, including cars, communications, radios, electrical appliances and hardware.—Associated Press.

ECA Aid For China

Washington, Nov. 29.

The Economic Cooperation Administration today authorised $226,000 to purchase iron and steel mill equipment and products in behalf of China.—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the free unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates (per $1):

U.S. dollars (per cent) 9450
Japanese yen (per 100) 2.60
Philippine pesos (per 100) 1.60
Malayan dollars (per 100) 1.60
Thai baht (per 100) 1.60
Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 1.60
Australian pounds (per 100) 1.60
Pakistan rupees (per 100) 1.60
Indian rupees (per 100) 1.60
Sterling (per £) 1.60

Two-Sided Market In NY Cotton

New York, Nov. 29.

Cotton futures became more of a two-sided affair with nearby deliveries plummeting while deferred positions suffered relatively light losses. Old crop months weakened as increased commission house and New Orleans selling met only limited demand. Liquidating pressure in December following the issuance of eight transferable delivery notices also weighed on the price structure. Hedging was evident in literal volume.

Dealers felt that these factors outweighed the seriousness of the Korean war news which carried the implication of greater military demands for cotton. The earlier improvement in futures was linked with mill covering against textile sales and replacement demand.

Cotton traders anxiously awaited the issuance on Thursday of the mid-November parity rate. Some quarters looked for a 25-point increase in the figure as farmers would produce more cotton next season, so a 16,000,000-bale crop might be realised. This amount was said to be needed to satisfy domestic and foreign requirements.

The market closed today two to 76 points lower, after opening off one to 22 points.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot	43.05
December	42.20
March (1951)	42.15
May	41.57-41.59
July	41.05-41.08
October	39.40
December	35.98-36.00
March (1952)	35.73 nominal
May	35.53 "

New Orleans closing prices:—

Spot	42.15
December	42.17
March (1951)	41.85-41.90
May	41.37-41.40
July	41.00-41.02
October	35.35 bid
December	35.35 bid
March (1952)	39.60 bid
May	39.40 bid

—United Press.

London Tin Eases Off

London, Nov. 29.

After a hectic start in the tin market this morning, prices tended to ease. The backward action narrowed considerably from Tuesday night's all-time record high. Turnover was 185 tons, including 25 tons for spot.

Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	1,140
Spot tin, sellers	1,145
Business done at	1,150-1,145
Three-months tin, buyers	1,055
Three-months tin, sellers	1,060
Business done at	1,100-1,070
Settlement	1,145

—United Press.

London, Paris Shares Slump

Paris, Nov. 29.

Prices dropped on the Paris stock exchange today in what was described as a movement following the New York and London exchanges. Gold prices moved upwards.

Foreign stocks were the heaviest losers. French securities were also down, but to a lesser degree.

On the gold market, the U.S. 20-dollar piece moved from yesterday's 16,040 Francs to 16,520. —Associated Press.

TEXTILE MARKET

New York, Nov. 29.

The cotton textile market was quiet today as dealers continued to watch Korean developments.

Meanwhile military orders continued to come in. The Navy asked for bids on 6,000,000 yards of 36-inch uniform twills, while the Marine Corps issued an invitation on 618,000 yards of cotton duck cloth.

The wool goods market was steady but quiet. Rayon goods were dull. — Associated Press.

SEEDS AND OILS

New York, Nov. 29.

Prices in the seed and oil market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:—

Linseed Oil, in tank cars, New York, per lb. 10.6.

Flax Seed, per bushel F.O.B. Minneapolis 3.55. — United Press.

Offers Of Copra

New York, Nov. 29.

Sellers offered copra for nearby shipment at $220.00 per ton, C.I.F. the Pacific Coast, Buyers were indifferent.—United Press.

Easiness In Grain Price

Chicago, Nov. 29.

Grain prices eased today despite, or possibly because of, the tense international situation.

Slightly higher prices were posed at the start. But these gains were soon lost and thereafter the market held under yesterday's finish. The chief feature of the day's activity was the relatively slow trading.

The possibility of price ceilings and disruption of export trade if a general war should break out made buyers cautious.

December wheat	$2.55½-⅝
March	$2.30½
May	$2.30⅜-½
July	$2.24½-¾
Oats	.03¼-.03
Rye	$1.44-$1.43¾

Soybeans were four to seven lower.

January	$2.00-$2.07½
March	$2.00½-¾
May	$2.00¼-$2.00½
July	$2.00¼-½

Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per

s.s. "BENAVON"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Cattmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on 1st December 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 2nd December, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 16th December, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA), LTD. Agents.

28th November, 1950.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v "AUTOMEDON"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on November 30, and December 1, 1950, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agent.

Hongkong, November 29, 1950.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m.s. "HAINAN"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on December 2, 1950, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agent.

Hongkong, November 29, 1950.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m.s. "HALLAND"/"CEYLON"

Damaged cargo ex m.s. "Halland" arrived by m.s. "Ceylon" will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd's Godown from 10 a.m. on December 1, 1950, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agent.

Hongkong, November 29, 1950.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd December, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 9th December, 1950 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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s.s. "WINGSANG"	Keelung		6th Dec.
s.s. "EASTERN QUEEN"	Singapore & Calcutta		13th Dec.
s.s. "KUTSANG"	Japan		16th Dec.

ARRIVALS FROM

s.s. "WINGSANG"	Keelung	3rd Dec.
s.s. "PRONTO"	Tientsin	7th Dec.
s.s. "KUTSANG"	Calcutta & Straits	12th Dec.

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m.v. "BRECONSHIRE"
Loads 19th December, sails 21st December, for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Genoa, London, Rotterdam/Amsterdam, Hamburg and Antwerp. Due London 1st. February.
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	Leave London	Due H.K.
m.v. "BRECONSHIRE"	Due at Holts Wharf A.M.	1st Dec.
m.v. "GLENEARN"	Sailed	10th Dec.
m.v. "GLENGARRY"	Sailed	26th Dec.
m.v. "RADNORSHIRE"	5th Dec.	10th Jan.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE

m.v. "FLINTSHIRE"	Sailed	11th Dec.

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ARRIVALS FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC PORTS

	Sails N.Y.	Sails S.F.	Due H.K.
m.v. "BRITISH PRINCE"	Sailed 16th Nov.		12th Dec.
m.v. "EASTERN PRINCE"	Sailed 5th Dec.		2nd Jan.

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WOMAN'S CRUELTY TO SERVANT GIRL
Child Hit In Face & Burned With Tongs

Imposing a fine of $250 or three months' imprisonment on Cheng Kwok-ching, 29 years, married woman, who admitted being cruel to a servant girl, aged 16, Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning advised her not to chastise even her own children when she was in a fit of temper.

Mr H.W. Fraser, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, stated that the defendant lived with her husband, an unemployed merchant, at 161 Holy Cross Path. They had two small daughters. At the age of fourteen the girl, Shea Lin, was presented by her father to the defendant's mother. During 1949, the girl came into defendant's possession and was brought here. She stayed with the family and did the usual household work besides tending to the two children and doing the marketing.

On the afternoon of November 23, Shea Lin was cooking rice in the kitchen and defendant saw her putting more charcoal on the stove than was necessary. Proceeding to punish her, defendant struck her in the face with her fists, and, it was alleged, burned her on the left forearm with a pair of heated tongs.

The girl left the house, wandered in the streets and two days later entered Shaukiwan Police Station to report. Her face was very swollen and had bruises.

STATUS OF MUI TSAI

The girl was sent to Queen Mary Hospital where she was examined by Dr B. K. Tang.

Mr Fraser added that the defendant and her husband were living on their savings. He was a merchant in Canton three years ago but left for business reasons. The girl was a daughter of the defendant's husband's cousin. Her status was that of a mui tsai but as to this there was lack of documentary proof. She was at present in the Po Leung Kuk.

Defendant had been warned by the Police three months ago about beating the girl.

Admitting that she had done wrong, defendant denied that she had used the tongs.

"The girl also complained that she did not have enough food or clothing but when I saw her in the office she appeared to be well nourished and was wearing a nice suit," added Mr Fraser.

Mr Lo warned defendant that if it were not for her young children he would have sent her to prison for three months without the option.

Sequel To Outbreak Of Typhoid

Medical Department Take Action

Recent cases of typhoid prompted the Medical Department to take action against people who operate in unlicensed restaurants.

At Kowloon this morning, six Chinese were charged before Mr Winter with keeping unlicensed restaurants in huts in the Kowloon City area.

The accused Shiu King-wai, So Chow-kwan, Chan Sung and Cho Yiu were arrested in Sai Tau Village yesterday. According to Health Insp. Chan Man-yuk the restaurants were in an unsanitary condition, with no kitchens and washing facilities. All of them had been warned to stop business. He added that there were six cases of typhoid in that area recently.

Shiu, So and Cho were each fined $150 while Chan who had a bigger restaurant was fined $200.

The other two men Wong Chi-cheung and Lam Wing had restaurants in huts at Chuk Yuen Village. Insp. Chan stated that there were two cases of typhoid in that vicinity. Wong was fined $100 and Lam $150.

Discharged After Pleading Guilty

The master of a motor junk who pleaded guilty before Mr d'Almada at Kowloon this morning to a charge of attempting to export four tons of diesel oil without a licence was discharged when it was pointed out that though the junk had been authorised to carry two tons of oil for it's trip to Macao, it nevertheless carried a Marine Department licence for six tons.

Mr B.N. Cooper who appeared for the defendant Yeung Hay, 43, told the Court that he had previously advised his client to plead not guilty. However, his client thought it to plead guilty to a technical offence as he did not want to have further delay of his trip.

The defendant's junk was boarded by Revenue Officers yesterday off Cheung Sha Wan.

SIR ESLER BACK FROM TOKYO

Sir Esler Dening, British Ambassador-at-Large in the Far East, arrived in Hongkong this morning from Tokyo by Canadian Pacific Airlines. He was accompanied by Mr M.J.M. Paton of the Foreign Office.

Both are scheduled to depart this afternoon for New Delhi by PAA plane.

SENTENCE REDUCED

Successful Plea By Solicitor On Behalf Of Client

In a successful appeal for review of sentence through his counsel, Mr B. N. Cooper, Choi Hing, 33, of 18 Blue Pool Road, ground floor, who was sent to prison for three months on November 17 for managing premises for the manufacture of opium, had his sentence reduced to one month and a fine of $1,000 by Mr Reynolds at Central this morning.

Mr Cooper called two character witnesses, including the defendant's wife, to the witness box. A friend, Wai Man-kong, testified that he had known defendant six years ago in Shanghai, and that so far to his knowledge, defendant had been a sincere friend and a good man. Defendant was a sock manufacturer in Snanghai.

Defendant's wife said that they had been married for 10 years and they had four children. They came to Hongkong soon after the war and that so far as she knew her husband had no bad habits. Since he had been in the Colony he had been doing business in rubber tyres, and recently in the film business.

Mr Reynolds in reducing the sentence and giving him the option of a fine remarked that the offence was a serious one, but that there were certain mitigating circumstances which he had not taken into account when he sentenced him earlier this month.

However, the Magistrate remarked, defendant could not get off free and therefore he would reduce the sentence to a month starting from the day of his conviction. He also fined him $1,000 or two months.

When defendant was arrested at 285 Hennessy Road, third floor, on November 14, the police, led by DSI James Martin, found nine and a quarter gallons of opium water, which defendant claimed to be his, on the premises. He was cautioned on the charge of possession of opium.

MASONIC SERVICE

On Sunday at 6.30 p.m. the annual Masonic Church service of Scottish Freemasonry will be held at the Union Church, Kennedy Road. Members are requested to assemble at the Robing Room, Zetland Hall at 6 p.m.

They Meet A London "Bobby"

Three little Polish displaced persons meet a London policeman. Sisters Lila (7), Danuta (5), and Helena Czapczynska (4) arrive at Liverpool Street Station, with their mother who with other displaced persons has gone to work in Britain.—London Express Service.

Scotsmen To Lay Wreath

Although today is St Andrew's Day the usual wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph did not take place. Instead members of the local St Andrew's Society will commemorate their national day with a wreath laying service at Stanley War Memorial on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Ignored Police Signal

For failing to stop when signalled to do so by Marine Police, Chan Ling, 29, coxswain of junk No. 945, was fined $40 by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning.

According to the Prosecution, Marine Police launch No. 4 sighted defendant's junk two miles outside the harbour at 6.35 a.m. on November 21 and sounded the international code asking her to stop. The junk proceeded on her way unheeded. The Police launch finally caught up with her in Sulphur Channel.

Defendant pleaded there was a strong easterly wind that morning and he did not hear the signal. He first saw the launch at Gun Island and was unable to stop as a steamer was coming into the harbour. But as soon as the steamer had passed he stopped and waited for the launch to come by.

Funeral Of Royal Marine

The funeral of the late Jack Hanson of the Royal Marines took place at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, this morning with full military honours. The Rev. H.G.W. MacDonald, Naval Chaplain, officiated at the graveside.

The late Marine Hanson was 37 years of age and he passed away at the Naval Hospital after a brief illness. He was in transit on HMS Kenya from Japan and had only been here for a few weeks.

A guard of honour was formed by Marines of the Kenya.

Those present at the funeral included Vice-Admiral W. R. Andrewes, Commander Munn, Major Griffiths of Royal Marines, Captain Brock of the Kenya, and officers and men of the Kenya.

Floral tributes were from Flag Officer Second-in-Command Far Eastern Station and Staff, Major Griffiths of Royal Marines, The Officers of HMS Kenya, Royal Marine Department HMS Kenya, The Ship's Company HMS Kenya, and Captain of HMS Kenya.

Shangri-La Ball

The Gripps will be decorated as a Winter Garden for the Shangri-La Ball which already promises to be a crowded and successful affair on December 8. Another feature will be the International Impromptu Programme, a cabaret of different items given by artistes of many nationalities. To make sure of a good table, bookings should be made right away at the Hongkong Hotel.

H.K. Teachers Association

The 12th Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Teachers' Association will be held on December 7, at 5.15 p.m. at St Joseph's College, by kind permission of the Principal, Rev. Bro. Raphael, FSC.

Mr T. R. Rowell, CBE, Director of Education and the Association Patron, has consented to act as Chairman, and Mr D.J.S. Crozier, his appointed successor, will also be present.

The agenda includes an address by the Director of Education; the General Secretary's Report; the Treasurers' Report; raising of a Compassionate Fund in favour of the widow and orphans of a deceased member; fixing the Subscription Rate for Life-Membership of the Association. It was $50 in pre-war days; the Council proposes $200; changes in the Constitution; election of a President for the year 1950-51.

Committed To Stand Trial

On a charge of possession of arms and ammunition, Yau Hing, 40, unemployed, was committed to stand trial by Mr Wicks at Kowloon this morning.

Insp. O'Reilly told the Court that defendant was stopped at Junction Road on October 13 and nothing was found on him. Later, defendant took the Police to a hut at Kowloon Hang Village where a fully loaded revolver was found concealed in the wall of the hut.

Tenancy Tribunal Finds In Favour Of Property Owner
Exempted From Provisions Of Ordinance

An application to the Tenancy Tribunal at the beginning of this month for the exemption of Nos. 118, 120 and 122 Johnston Road, Wanchai, from the provisions of Section 32 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordiance, 1947, dealing with this type of case, has resulted in a recommendation for exemption being made by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, who then sat as a Tenancy Tribunal, it was learned this morning.

During the hearing of the application, it was mentioned on behalf of the applicant, who is the wife of a wealthy merchant, that it was intended to remove the present structures on the sites and erect in their place a large and modern Chinese restaurant at an estimated cost of $270,000.

Applicant, who is the owner of the Johnston Road houses, was Chan Shiu-shan, of 10 Kennedy Road, and wife of Mr Lo Yuk-tong, a prominent resident of the Colony.

Opponents were the Shu Kee firm, the Man Lee firm, and the Tai Sang firm, occupying the ground floors of the premises.

Mr D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr F. Zimmern, appeared for the applicant, and Mr A.J. Clifford, instructed by Mr P.C. Woo, was for the opponents.

The present buildings, it was said at the hearing, were dilapidated and had been structurally damaged by bombing or bomb blast during the Japanese occupation of the Colony. The ground floors had been rehabilitated and were occupied by the opponents, while use was also being made of the shell of what was left of the upper floors by the opponents.

Mr Wright told the Tribunal that in keeping with the proper development of the Colony and in the interests of the public the applicant wished to regain possession of the site (opposite the Southorn Playground) on which she proposed to erect a seven-storey building with a mezzanine and two lifts for use as a modern Chinese restaurant. It would cover an area of 2,156 square feet, and the cost would be around $270,000.

PATROLMEN CATCH THIEF

An early morning intruder in the backyard in houses at Prince Edward Road, Cheng Tok was arrested by two Police constables on patrol and brought before Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning. He was charged with stealing clothing belonging to Chan Shuk-ming and a Mr McDougall.

Insp. Chan Wai-man prosecuting said that at 4.30 a.m. yesterday, accused climbed over the back wall and went into the backyard of 277 Prince Edward Road where he stole 14 pieces of clothing. Then he went next door and stole three singlets.

Defendant was caught as he he was leaving the premises.

After hearing the facts, Mr Winter postponed sentence until tomorrow.

Ambulance Brigade

Orders by Comm. A. el Arculli, C.St.J., Commissioner St. J.A.B., Hongkong District Order No. 48/50 dated Friday 1st December, 1950.

Ambulance Duties, Hongkong. — 9.12.50 to 9.12.50, Central Division; 10.12.50 to 16.12.50, K.C.O.B. Division.

Penetration Squad Duties. — 4.12.50 to 10.12.50, Tsimshatsui Division; 11.12.50 to 17.12.50, K.Y.M.C.A. Division.

Race Course Duties. — Sat. December 2, Causeway Bay and Motor Transport Divisions.

Football Match Duties. — Sat. December 2, 3.30 p.m., H.K.F.C. Ground. Eastern & South China Divisions; Sun. December 3, 3.30 p.m., H.K.Y.M.C.A. & Shaukiwan Divisions; Wed. December 6, 3.30 p.m., H.K.F.C. Ground, K.C.O.B. and Wanchai "B" Divisions.

Penetration Squad Duties. — Sun. Dec. 3, Medical Officer for duty Dr Lam Shiu-chun. Nurses, South China Nursing Division. To report to K.C.R. Station at 9.45 a.m.

X-Ray Of Kowloon Nursing Divisions. — Sun. December 3. The following will report to the X-Ray Dept., Kowloon Hospital at the following times:—9.15 a.m. Kowloon Nursing Division; 9.30 a.m. Waterloo Nursing Division; 9.45 a.m. Shamshuipo Nursing Division.

Return Of Haversacks & Waterbottles. — Corps Officers are reminded that the list of waterbottles and Haversacks asked for in Brigade Orders No. 43/50 and 44/50 have not yet been received by the Equipment Officer. These figures are urgently required and Div. Supts who have not complied with this instruction must be ordered to do so immediately.

Officers' Mess. — The next Mess Dinner will be held on Friday December 15. Attention is drawn to the Mess circular on this subject.

(Sgd) R. A. Edwards, S. B. St. J. Corps Superintendent.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6.00, "Hongkong Calling" Programme Summary; 6.02, Children's Story: "Said the Cat to the Dog" By Martin Armstrong Part 12: "Magic" (BBCTS); 6.30, "Hit Parade"; 7.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, Glasgow Orpheus Choir Conducted by Sir Hugh Roberton; 7.30, La Demi-Heure Francaise (Studio); 8.00, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, Local Studio Concert—Cecilia Chen (Piano) and Hilda Dekker (Soprano) with Piano Accompaniment by Betty Drown; 8.25, Education Week—Mass Display Music, Physical Education and Recreation from Army Football Ground, Sookunpoo—Commentator Norman Tucker and Leonard Starbuck; 8.55, Sports Review by Bill Phillips (Studio); 9.10, "Thursday Serenade" — A Programme of Continuous Music arranged by Betty Drown; 9.50, Rebroadcast of a Foreign Policy Speech by the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson (Relay); 10.05, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, At the Opera"—"Un Ballo in Maschera" (The Masked Ball) by Verdi—Act 1—with Principals, Chorus & Orchestra of the Opera House, Rome, cond. by Tullio Serafin; 11.10, Goodnight Music; 11.25, Weather Report; God Save The King; 11.30, Close down.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

Twenty-eight points were scored; six different results. The six scores can only have been (1) 0—0, (2) 3—0, (3) 3—0, (4) 3—3, (5) 3—0, (6) 3—3. So the scores were 0—0, 3—0, 3—3.

Now consider G. They scored eight points, including a dropped goal against S. This must have been in the 3—3 game, and we can at once construct our table:

	D	S	G	O
D	—	3—3	0—0	3—0
S	3—3	—	0—3	3—0
G	3—0	3—0	—	3—3
O	0—3	0—3	3—3	—

The Gryphons defeated the Scorpions by one converted goal to nil.

London Express Service.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Yes. 2. Heaven. 3. The southern part of the Pacific Ocean. 4. From the seeds of the nux vomica tree. 5. No. It lies farther north in the Atlantic Ocean, opposite North Carolina. 6. English, either Irish setter and Scottish.

Mail Notices

Surface Christmas mails for Australia (letters) will be closed on November 30.

Air mail service to Korea is resumed, unregistered correspondence only can be accepted at 60 cents per half ounce.

The public are reminded that the last collection from Pillar Boxes to connect with Sunday closing despatches is 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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Philippines, 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
Closing Times By Air
B.N. Borneo, Australia & New Zealand, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, French North Africa & France, 5 p.m.
Philippines, Hawaii & U.S.A. (letters second class mail and cards) Guam, (letters and first class mail) Canada, (letters) 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
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Indo-China, 10 a.m.
Japan, 10 a.m.
Formosa, 2 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
Closing Times By Air
Formosa, 3 p.m.
Siam, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Philippines & France, 9 a.m.
Australia & New Zealand, 3 p.m.
Japan, 3 p.m.
Mauritius, & South Africa, 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
Closing Times By Air
Philippines & B.N. Borneo, 9 a.m.
Formosa, 10 a.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
Closing Times By Air
Formosa, 10 a.m.
U.S.A. & Canada, 2 p.m.
Siam, Malaya, Burma, Indonesia, Ceylon, Australia & New Zealand, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, French North Africa & France, 5 p.m.

Attacks On MacArthur

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political responsibility by stirring this Chinese landslide."

Rome's Rightist independent Momento Sera pictured Gen. MacArthur as in a difficult situation which could become worse if strikes were made in Chinese territory.

The independent Figaro in Paris headlined:

"MacArthur offensive is a service he could have rendered to UN."

PERSISTENT CRITIC

Gen. MacArthur's most persistent critic in Britain has been the Leftist weekly newspaper New Statesman and Nation which last week said Gen. MacArthur "seems intent on turning the Korean war into a world war."

"We are pledged to support United Nations action and not the antics of an insolent military politician," it said.

Copenhagen's independent "Information" said Gen. MacArthur's politics had been demonstrated by his visit to Chiang Kai-shek, "his prejudiced political support to Syngman Rhee and his latest offensive toward the border of Manchuria."

Stockholm's Liberal "Expressen" said the General has "once again demonstrated his flabbergasting lack of judgment."—Associated Press.

Bevin Offers

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friendship between the Western world and the USSR.

In notes to the United States, Britain and France on November 4, Russia asked for Four talks on Germany.

Mr. Bevin said officials of the three Western powers would meet in Paris next week to draft replies to the Soviet note "and to examine the possibilities for fruitful discussions with the Soviet Government."

Mr Anthony Eden, speaking for the Opposition, suggested that the Western powers should offer to Russia should offer a six-point joint agenda for the conference, covering "the issues which are in dispute between us."

Mr Eden called for qualified talks on Korea. He said the United Nations had two courses open when its forces crossed the 38th Parallel:

It could have left a neutral zone along the Chinese frontier or "alternately, we could have driven the enemy back to the narrow neck of the waist of Korea and established in our territory a defensible front and thus have shortened our lines of communication and supply."—Associated Press.

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Persian Princess In London

Princess Fatima of Persia and her husband, Commander Vincent Hillyer, recently arrived in London. Princess Fatima, 21-year-old sister of the Shah of Persia wants to break down an old tradition of her country. She wants to work at a regular job when she returns home to Teheran. While in London her visit also Princess will shop for clothes for her new home and [illegible]

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